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FAMILY PILE UP NEW SUPPLIES TO HELP FOODBANK'S PLIGHT

The Hart family raised £250 in just two days

A KIND-HEARTED family raised £250 in just two days to deliver much-needed supplies to a Staffordshire food bank after reading that stocks were at an all-time low.

When Hayley and Jay Hart read the desperate plea for food donations from Hednesford's Pye Green Christian Centre on the front page of last week's Chronicle, they knew they had to act. The family decided to donate £100 but soon found other people were keen to donate to the cause.

Even 11-year-old daughter Evelyn gave £15 which she had been given for doing well in her SATs exams, saying "They need this more than me, people need to eat." Within two days they were able to fill almost four supermarket trollies full of food and turned up at the foodbank with a car full of food – weighing some 220kg.

Mother-of-two Hayley, of Mount Street, Hednesford, said: "We saw the article and said straight away 'We have got to do something'." They have needed the help of foodbanks in the past and realised how vital these donations can be to families.

The Chronicle revealed last week that the Christian Centre usually stocks around 10 tonnes of food but currently has just 4.4 and is desperate for help from residents.

The revelation comes after a visit from Green Party co-leader Jonathan Bartley, who said he believes homelessness is a 'hidden problem' in Cannock Chase.

From January until July the centre handed out 17 tonnes of food helping more than 2,000 people in the district. However, their current amount has been described as their lowest since launching in 2012.

Adam Tilsley, manager in training at the foodbank, said: "We currently have our lowest ever amount of stock, which is a major concern." Hayley told how shocked staff were when they turned up on Saturday. She said: "They didn't know what to say."

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Hi-tech devices protect herds on Cannock Chase

ALARMS TO KEEP DEER OFF ROAD

A NEW deterrent to help protect deer from being run over is being put in place on Cannock Chase. Small devices will be put along a half-mile stretch of the A513.

The road between Milford and the Punchbowl car park is one of the worst places for deer-vehicle collisions. Last year about 35 deer were hit by cars and killed along the section of road with blind bends and excessive speed major factors. Overall, in Cannock Chase and the surrounding areas, over 168 deer were killed on the roads in the same year.

BY CHARLOTTE CALLEAR

During many of these incidents, cars had to be written off due to the amount of damage from the impact.

Staffordshire County Council's ranger service will put the devices in place just before the deer mating season, which happens between late September and mid-November.

Sensors

Once the devices are triggered by approaching headlights, they set off an alarm with a blue and yellow strobe-type light to startle the deer and hopefully deter them from going onto the road.

Headlight sensors can be set off from more than 300 yards away.

Surveying of the A513 on the Chase has identified 28 crossing points. From this, it was calculated that the deer cross this road at a point every 35 metres.

Ian Skelton, chairman of the Midlands branch of the British Deer Society, said: "It's hoped the new devices will help reduce deer collisions and make the notorious stretch of the A513 safer for all road users."

Cannock councillor Frank Finlay said: "Obviously it's a hazard on the roads, particularly at night and on the roads surrounding the Chase.

"They are very large animals so it would not only cause damage to the cars but also themselves as well. I'm very happy for this to come into place. It's got to be good."

In January, similar lights to protect deer along a half-mile stretch of the Burntwood bypass were vandalised, causing an estimated £1,800 worth of damage.

They were put in place in December 2016 after Staffordshire County Council set up a campaign to protect the animals by being the first in the UK to install deer fencing posts. Following the incident, the council decided to look at new ways of making the lights more secure.

Pampered pooches in record bid

Hannah Yearsley washes Cookie the Bassett

Suzie the Yorkie gets a wash

THOUSANDS of dogs were scrubbed and pampered as part of a world record-breaking attempt.

Pet shop chain Pets at Home says it has successfully broken the world record for the number of dogs bathed within 12 hours.

In total, across the West Midlands, there were 5,613 dogs washed, with the previous record standing at 5,000. The Cannock branch saw 120 dogs washed. For every dog washed, there was a cost of £5 for everyone who took part.

All the proceeds go towards Support Adoption For Pets which helps unwanted pets across the UK.

Sarah Jones, 43, salon manager at Pets at Home in Cannock said: "We're really thrilled."

Bosses are currently waiting for confirmation from the Guinness World Records.

COURT

Worker's payout for electric shock

AN electrician from Hednesford who suffered a 'massive shock' due to faulty wiring at a building society branch has won the right to a seven-figure payout.

Darrell Baker, of Whitfield Road, was up a ladder at the Coventry Building Society branch in Arena Park, Coventry, when the shock made his heart stop.

He fell to the ground, suffering a head injury and catastrophic brain damage, the High Court in London heard. Mr Baker was guaranteed full compensation for the injuries he suffered in the July 2012 accident.

Although the amount of his payout has yet to be assessed, the severity of his injuries means it might be a seven-figure sum.

CHARITY

All smiles with comics' show

COMIC Chris Stokes has rallied some of his comedy pals to perform a charity show in aid of a Great Wyrley nursery.

The comedian, who is currently on tour with Milton Jones, was recruited by his former Great Wyrley High school pal Gemma Meers who is one of the volunteers on the committee for the Holly Lane Nursery, a registered charity which offers the community affordable childcare and relies on donations.

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POLICE

Force has too much of a burden – chief

THE Chief Constable of Staffordshire, Gareth Morgan, has spoken of the pressure the mental health crisis is putting on his officers, admitting: "It's got too much."

He spoke after the launch of a review into how police are increasingly dealing with the mentally ill who need medical help or care, diverting them from other duties.

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Surgeon's victims to share £37m fund

Disgraced – Ian Paterson

ABOUT 750 private patients treated by disgraced breast surgeon Ian Paterson will receive compensation from a new £37 million fund.

Spire Healthcare, which runs private hospitals in the West Midlands where Paterson worked, will contribute £27.2m to the fund.

A further £10m will be provided by Paterson's insurers and the Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust.

Paterson was found guilty in April at Nottingham Crown Court of 17 counts of wounding with intent, and three further wounding charges. He was initially sentenced to 15 years in jail but this was increased to 20 in August in a Court of Appeal ruling.

Among his victims was Frances Perks, from Burntwood, and Leanne Joseph from Cheslyn Hay. The announcement of the new fund is intended to halt further legal proceedings by private patients and account for any new claims made before October 2018.

More than 500 of Paterson's private patients had been due to take their case to the High Court next month.

Simon Gordon, interim chief executive at Spire, said: "Whilst nothing diminishes Mr Paterson's responsibility for his actions, these events took place in our hospitals, and this should not have happened. We have apologised unreservedly to Mr Paterson's patients for their suffering and distress and we would like to repeat that apology."

Emma Doughty, a medical negligence lawyer at Slater and Gordon, which represents more than 100 of Paterson's victims, said: "No financial settlement will ever heal the physical and mental scars inflicted on our clients but they are relieved that they have finally won their battle for justice."

Comedy Chris to the rescue with fundraiser

WHEN comedian Chris Stokes heard of the plight of a Staffordshire nursery in desperate need of funds he stepped in to help – even dipping out of a Milton Jones tour to make the date.

Staffordshire-born Chris was recruited by mother-of-two Gemma Meers who is one of the volunteers on the committee for the Holly Lane nursery in Great Wyrley.

The nursery is a registered charity which offers the community affordable childcare but relies on donations and fundraising.

Gemma said: "After years of being rated 'outstanding' and having an excellent reputation in the community an Ofsted inspection deemed the outdoor area as unsafe due to rubber chippings (as found in many children's parks and playgrounds) and the nursery was made to remove them all.

"This meant that slides and outdoor equipment also had to removed.

Problem

"Luckily, parents and helpers worked hard to clean the area and make it safe and the nursery is now rated as 'good' by Ofsted. However, it has meant that outdoor provision isn't as inviting as it used to be."

The nursery is now hoping to raise money for a new, acceptable 'soft' ground and some climbing equipment.

When Gemma mentioned the problem to her friend Chris, who she went to Great Wyrley High School with, he set about recruiting some comedy names for a fundraising gig at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock on October 8.

Chris is currently the support act forcomedy star Milton Jones on his tour but has ducked out on October 8. Gemma said: "He told Milton he would be taking that date off on the tour for our show."

Taking to the stage with Chris in Cannock will be comedy magician Pete Firman. Also appearing is David Longley who is considered a gifted wordsmith. MC is Kiri Pritchard McLean. If a sell-out, the night will raise some £4,500. Tickets are £18 on 01543 578762 or 01922 417256.

Comedy magician Pete Firman will be on stage in Cannock

Kiri Pritchard McLean is the MC

Chris Stokes has appeared on Dave

New chance to have say on town's future

PEOPLE who live and work in Hednesford are being given another chance to have their say on a blueprint for the town's future.

Six weeks of consultation got under way on Monday on a key document called the Neighbourhood Plan. The latest version has been adapted after feedback and comments during an initial consultation process last year.

After the latest consultation stage, the plan will be reviewed by an independent inspector. Then a referendum will take place in which Hednesford residents will have a 'yes' or 'no' vote.

The plan can be viewed at www.hednesford-tc.gov.uk as well as on paper at Pye Green Community Centre and Hednesford Library.

Ivan hoping search for model will be plane sailing

The plane which was lost in August

THE owner of a lost model plane that finished second in the National Championships in 2015 is trying to find it.

It is a free-flight model replica of the Schneider Trophy winning seaplane of 1927, the Supermarine S5, that was flown by Flt Lt Sidney Webster from the West Midlands.

Ivan Taylor, aged 70, lost it on Cannock Chase near the German War Cemetery in late August. It is blue and silver with a propeller and a wing span of one metre and weighs 250g.

It is of sentimental value to Ivan, who won the Free Flight National Scale Championships and has previously flown for the British team in eight World Championships. Anyone able to help can call him on 07851 799223.

Glasses sparkling for beer festival

THE organisers behind Cannock Chase Camra's 4th Real Ale and Cider Festival have been hard at work this week making sure everything is ready for when the event opens at 5pm today (Thursday).

Barrels have been stillaged, tapped, vented and tapped, bars have been built – and the Prince of Wales Theatre in Church has once again become the Prince of Ales.

The festival runs from 5pm to 11pm on the opening night. Opening hours tomorrow and Saturday are midday-11pm.

There are 63 ales and 20 ciders and perries on offer including some festival special ales.

Beowulf Brewery at Chasewater have produced a beer to celebrate their 20 years of brewing called Double Decade.

£140k resurfacing

A MAJOR road in Hednesford will be resurfaced next month thanks to a £140,000 scheme. Work will begin on the Rugeley Road on October 23, lasting for 10 days. Damaged kerbs and potholes on the stretch which runs between Station Road and Rawnsley Road will be fixed.

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Town centre at standstill for funeral of chairman

CANNOCK was brought to a standstill for the funeral a businessman.

A ceremony was held at St Luke's Church on Friday for Colin Price.

The 69-year-old, who died on August 14, was the chairman of JPE Aggregates based in Essington.

The firm closed for the day as a mark of respect.

Colin Price

Dozens of people were at the church around midday, with three coach-loads of mourners seen arriving.

There were also 11 limousines and a horse-drawn carriage.

Staffordshire Police officers were also in attendance to manage the traffic. The service was followed by a committal ceremony at Great Wyrley Cemetery.

The wake was being held at The Lodge in Warstone Road, Essington.

South Staffordshire Councillor for Essington David Clifft confirmed that Mr Price owned the land which was targeted by DX Freight for a freight hub.

He said: "I have had many dealings with Colin over that site. He was a perfect gentleman and an old-fashioned businessman. He was also very community-minded and made many donations to the area."

Guidance on GP services online

NEW guides have been developed by NHS England to help people with disabilities access online GP services.

The guides will help people in Staffordshire and Shropshire who have sight and hearing problems and autism and learning disabilities.

To sign up, patients can go into their GP practice with two examples of photo ID and complete a short form. They will then receive a password allowing access to online services.

Dr Masood Nazir, national clinical lead for the programme that delivered GP online services at NHS England, said: "As a GP, I am aware of the barriers faced by people with disabilities when accessing care services.

"GP online services are particularly helpful for many people."

Beowulf weekend

THE Beowulf brewery is marking its 20th anniversary with an open weekend at Chasewater on Saturday and Sunday, from midday to 5pm. Four of its ales will also feature at Chasewater Sailing Club, 5pm-10pm each day.

Ray drops his guard to tell all about career

Ray Mancini in Cannock

FROM spiralling into depression after causing the death of an opponent to the time he nearly punched Quentin Tarantino – Ray 'Boom Boom' Mancini delivered an intriguing insight into his colourful life.

The former Lightweight Champion of the World kept an audience of more than 250 at Cannock's Bar Sport captivated in his second 'evening with' show at the town's boxing mecca in the last two years.

This time he appeared alongside former undisputed lightweight world champion Ken Buchanan MBE. The Italian American from Ohio thrilled pugilist fans with tales of his whirlwind knockouts. "I knew my fighting style was not made for a long career, I was fan friendly," he said.

It is also argued he inadvertently brought about one of the most significant changes in the sport's history when championship fights were reduced from 15 rounds to 12 after he stopped Korean Deuk Koo Kim in the 14th round of their 1982 bout. Kim died four days later after suffering severe brain damage – but Mancini disputes the theory.

He said: "After that fight, because it was prime time, Saturday afternoon, there was outrage. But you have to understand the last 15-round fight was in 1988, six years later. There is no medical evidence to say there are more serious injuries or fatalities in the last three rounds."

But it was his retelling of the time he auditioned for the role of Mr Pink in Quentin Tarantino's Reservoir Dogs which gained the loudest cheer of the night. Mancini passed two auditions only for the director to tell him he could not have the part because he was 'Ray Boom Boom Mancini'.

"I felt like knocking the table over," Mancini said. "Then I realised I am in a room full of people and in the entertainment business you can get a reputation for being crazy. So I turned around and said 'How was that for acting'."

Options are open for motorway link road

THREE options have been unveiled for a new link road from the M54 to the M6 and M6 Toll.

The project will ease congestion and improve safety on the A460 Cannock Road.

Highways England has launched a month-long consultation over the three routes. One proposal, Option B West, is for a new road linking junction one of the M54 to the A4601 Wolverhampton Road, near the M6 Toll. The route would also see a new road into Featherstone.

The second proposal, Option C West, would widen the existing M54 from junction one towards the M6. The route would then branch off north, following the M6 and going under Hilton Lane and the A460 Cannock Road. It would connect to the M6 north of junction 11 and to the M6 Toll at junction T8.

Widening

The final proposal, Option C East, would also see the widening of the M54 up to the M6, but would branch off earlier than Option C West. The road would cut through Burn's Wood, Spring Coppice and Keeper's Wood and connect to the M6 north of junction 11 and to the M6 Toll at junction T8.

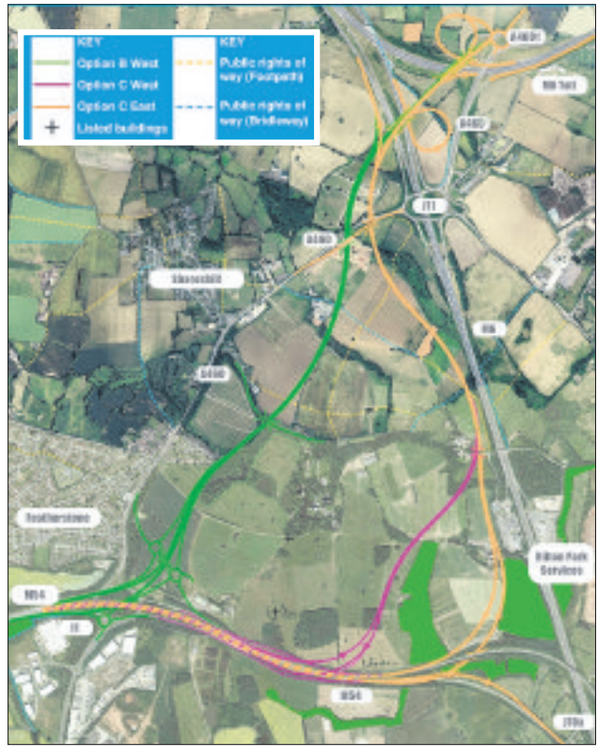
Highways England says Option B West would have the most impact in reducing traffic on the A460 Cannock Road and A449 Stafford Road.

The consultation will end on October 13, with a number of public events being held in the last few days.

A webchat will take place at highways.gov.uk/m54-to-m6m6-toll-link-road on September 27 from 11am to 2pm.

Currently, the M54 merges with the M6 southbound at junction 10a.

This means northbound road users have to leave the motorway network and navigate local A roads in order to connect with the M6. During a consultation in 2015, 87 per cent of those who took part said a link road was required.



Highways England has launched a month-long consultation over the proposed routes for a new link road from the M54 to the M6 and M6 Toll

'We all need this to happen'

IT will bring more roadworks to the region, but the proposed work on the M6/M54 junction has been welcomed as a necessary evil.

A councillor welcomed the publication of the new plans for the link road – saying 'it needs to happen' for the good of the area.

Essington Parish Council chairman David Clifft welcomed Highways England launching the consultation on the new options.

Councillor Clifft has said he supports Option C West, which would see the existing M54 widened from junction one towards the M6.

Councillor Clifft said: "We've been discussing this since 2005 and it needs to happen. Traffic on the M54 travelling south can't get onto the M6 without coming off at junction one and then getting up to junction 11.

"This is much needed and I think it would also provide a boost to industry, as well as making it easier for goods vehicles to travel around the area," he added.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Church event will start repair fund

SALEM Methodist Church in Cheslyn Hay is holding an open day from 11am to 4pm on September 30.

The event is being staged to raise awareness and officially kick-start a development fund to help pay for repairs and improvement work.

Clubs and groups who meet at Salem will be represented to display or demonstrate what they offer, and when they meet. There will also be refreshments and a barbecue. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The building has been at the centre of village life for more than 160 years and is said to be regarded by many people as 'their church'.

Entries are open for Ironman 70.3

ENTRIES have now opened up for next year's Ironman 70.3 in what will be the popular triathlon's first event outside of Shugborough Estate.

Last month it was confirmed the gruelling test of endurance would finish in Stafford town centre from 2018 as opposed to the historic grounds which have come under control of the National Trust since the first event.

It will take place on Sunday, June 10, with participants tackling a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride and a 13.1-mile half marathon. Visit www.ironman.com/staffordshire70.3

Road closure for junction scheme

PART of the A449 near Four Ashes is to be closed all this weekend.

The work will see the northbound carriageway of the busy route shut off from 9pm tomorrow (Friday) to 5am on Monday. It includes creating a new signalled junction, two toucan crossings, and improvements to pedestrian and cycle routes.

The work is part of automotive parts manufacturer Gestamp's relocation from Wolverhampton Road, Cannock, to a 52-acre plot in Four Ashes which will provide 900,000 sq ft of industrial floor space.

UK tour to promote band's new single

CANNOCK band The Bad Flowers have released a new single, Thunder Child, and will embark on a 10-date UK tour next month to promote it.

Five of the dates will see The Bad Flowers supporting The Picturebooks – including a gig on October 5 at The Flapper, Birmingham.

The Bad Flowers, who formed in 2014, are lead vocalist and guitarist Tom Leighton, bass player Dale Tonks and drummer Karl Selickis.

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COUNTY NEWS

Steel merger said to be imminent

A MERGER of Tata Steel's UK operations could be just weeks away, according to the German firm currently talking to its management.

Tata Steel Europe employs 8,500 in the UK – with plants in Wednesfield, Brierley Hill and Walsall. Its merger with ThyssenKrupp would create the second biggest steel business in Europe. Thyssenkrupp already has around half a dozen sites in the UK, including a national head office in Solihull and plants in Cradley Heath and Birmingham.

In a statement, the German company said: ""An agreement could be possible before the end of this month."

'£10m taken' in Airbnb bookings

PEOPLE in the West Midlands took in £10 million through Airbnb bookings in 14 months, the company claims.

In a report, the firm said 132,000 people had booked through the website, using hosts in the region. It said the number of bookings from July to September had more than doubled. The hosts took £10m in bookings, and the guests spent £52m in the region.

There are 4,300 Airbnb listings in the West Midlands, with each host earning around £2,400, the report says.

James McClure, from Airbnb, said: "The UK continues to break records on Airbnb."

Support act offers Stranglers therapy

PUNK pioneers The Stranglers will play Birmingham next year.

The rockers, best known for songs such as No More Heroes, Always The Sun, Peaches and Golden Brown, will play the O2 Academy on the band's Definitive Tour on March 17.

They will be supported by special guests Therapy? – an alternative metal band from Northern Ireland. Songs they are best known for include Screamager, Teethgrinder and Die Laughing.

Flexible working is expected to be norm

NEARLY two thirds of office workers in the West Midlands – 65.7 per cent – think flexible working will become the norm over the next five years.

A survey for recruitment consultancy 9-2-3 found that nationally 73 per cent envisage working flexibly will become routine.

It added that for 26 per cent flexibility is the most important influence on career choices after pay and location.

Jobless total falls but wage growth lags

UNEMPLOYMENT has fallen in the West Midlands, while the number of people in work across the region has jumped, new figures show.

Britain's 'strong' labour market has seen employment rise to record levels but households have felt the pinch as wage growth lags behind inflation.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) said the number of people in work climbed by 181,000 to 32.13 million between May and July. Unemployment tumbled by 75,000 to a 12-year low of 1.46 million.

In the West Midlands, unemployment fell by 2,000 to 164,000 – although at 5.7 per cent the region's unemployment rate is above the national average of 4.3 per cent.

The number of people in work in the region surged by 36,000 over the three months to 2.7 million. Annual growth in earnings remained static at 2.1 per cent, both including and excluding bonuses over the period.

Once inflation is taken into account, total and regular pay both slipped by 0.4 per cent.

Across Staffordshire, the number of people claiming benefits such as Jobseeker's Allowance rose to 5,580 – up by 50. In Cannock Chase the claimant count was down five to 780 or 1.2 per cent, and in Stafford it was up to 745 or 0.9 per cent. In Walsall the count inched down by five to 4,885 or 2.9 per cent, while in Wolverhampton it rose by 35 to 6,740 or 4.2 per cent.

In Sandwell the number of people claiming unemployment related benefits fell by 40 in August compared to July, down to 7,015 or 3.4 per cent of the working population. The national average rate is 1.9 per cent.

CCTV captures 'mindless' vandal attack at centre

By Carl Jackson

A 'MINDLESS' vandal caused hundreds of pounds worth of damage at a Cannock shopping centre which had recently been renovated.

The incident at the Kingston Court arcade was captured on CCTV, and now town businessman Fred Pritchard, who owns the property, has put up a £250 reward for information that leads to a conviction.

The footage shows two men entering the centre in Walsall Road.

One of them is described as being of Asian appearance with a beard and wearing dark shoes, light grey trousers and grey top. He appears to stay around the entrance of the building and is not shown committing any offences. The second person is described as white and wearing black shoes, blue jeans, a dark long-sleeved top and a grey baseball cap.

Prepared

Around seven minutes after entering the foyer he strolls along the corridor, knocking over three ornamental plants before picking one of them up and throwing it at a £300 mirror, smashing it in the process.

Mr Pritchard was left incensed at the attack after recently spending £40,000 sprucing up Kingston Court installing new floors, new signage and the mirrors.

The 75-year-old said: "We caught it all on CCTV, and I am prepared to offer a reward subject to a conviction of this mindless individual who smashed up the premises which we have tried to present to the public nicely.

"It has cost about £300 worth of damage breaking the mirror."

The incident happened at 12.37am on Saturday, June 24. Anyone with information about the damage should call Staffordshire Police on 101.

CCTV footage shows two people entering the centre

The vandal knocks over three plants

Kingston Court in Cannock had been refurbished

The vandal hurls a plant at a £300 mirror

Floral displays leaf a very good impression

VOLUNTEER groups have been rewarded for their efforts at the Heart of England In Bloom awards.

Large Village Gold Awards went to Colwich & Little Haywood in Bloom, and Great Haywood in Bloom, while the Small City Gold Award was won by Blooming Lichfield. Around 180 delegates from villages, towns, urban communities and cities attended the presentation for this year's entries at Warwick Castle.

Les Goodman, president of Heart of England in Bloom, said: "There is no doubt that the Heart of England campaign gives communities across the West Midlands and Gloucestershire a chance to improve the area in which they live through wonderful floral displays, environmental projects and community participation."

Verdict of suicide on break-up father, 32

A 'DEVOTED' father of three took his own life by taking a 'massive' overdose of prescribed drugs within days of his 10-year relationship with his girlfriend breaking down.

Craig Golder, of Flaxley Road, Rugeley, had suffered for years with chronic back pain alongside other physical problems and had been prescribed numerous painkillers. But on the evening of June 11 the 32-year-old did not appear from his bedroom, even though he was due to go to work at Screwfix in Stafford for his night shift.

Craig Golder

When his partner Emma Halford forced the door open she found him on the bed lifeless. Two weeks previously, Miss Halford had broken the news that she wished to end their 10-year relationship, an inquest in Cannock heard.

Giving evidence, Pc Emma Smith said a suicide note had been left at his bedside. A toxicology report said Mr Golder, a keen angler, had up to 25 times the associated fatal amounts of prescription drugs in his system.

Coroner Andrew Haigh delivered a verdict of suicide. He added: "He was a young man but sadly he had suffered with substantial back pain for a number of years which had a knock-on effect on his mental health.

Miss Halford said: "We would like Craig to be remembered as the happy, friendly man everyone knew him as, he was a devoted dad and his memory will live on in his children."

NHS boss tells of financial strain

WALSALL Healthcare NHS Trust boss Richard Kirby has said that the trust is experiencing 'continued' financial pressure.

At a recent trust board meeting, Mr Kirby addressed members regarding the ongoing financial recovery programme put together by bosses, revealing that at the end of July, it had a higher deficit than planned.

He said: "As of the end of July we have a deficit of £9.5m – £0.7m more than planned and we had continued pressure in August. We are finalising plans to ensure we deliver our £11m Cost Improvement Programme and our planned deficit of £20.5m."

Bosses at the trust had been preparing for a £9 million deficit for the end of the financial year, but now this is expected to be at around £12.9m.

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Crackdown pledge on 'car key' burglaries

A CRACKDOWN on burglaries has been launched after an increase of cases where thieves took cars after breaking into homes to grab the keys.

Staffordshire Police say they have received a number of reports in Penkridge, Wombourne, Codsall and elsewhere in the county in recent months,with burglars targeting keys to high-value and high-performances cars parked on driveways.

Safety advice has been issued to residents as a police boss has said cracking down on burglaries is a 'force priority'. South Staffs local policing commander Insp Richard Meaden said: "We are working with Central Motorway Policing Group, Force Safeguarding and Investigation, West Midlands Police and South Staffs District Council to combat these crimes.

"Cracking down on burglaries is a force priority. We are committed to catching them through dedicated patrolling in marked and unmarked cars and have already caught and charged several criminal gangs."

On August 25, five men from the Wolverhampton area were sentenced to a total of 50 years for offences including car key burglaries in south Staffordshire.

Three men from Tamworth have pleaded guilty to car key burglaries in the south of Staffordshire and are due to be sentenced at Stafford Crown Court. next month.

MP impressed by driving campaign

SOUTH Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson has hailed the success of a campaign to tackle dangerous driving.

Mr Williamson, who is also Government Chief Whip, has welcomed the progress made by the Driving Recklessly on Pavements campaign launched by Biffa and Staffordshire Police in the wake of increased incidents of dangerous driving.

Across the UK, there are more than 30,000 incidents of reckless driving on pavements each year, with an average of more than 12 a day in South Staffordshire. Incidents in South Staffordshire have fallen by over 50 per cent.

Mr Williamson said: "I was so impressed that the Driving Recklessly on Pavements campaign has resulted in such a notable decrease."

Walkers get ready

CHASE Ramblers are going on a nine-mile easy/moderate walk from Heathy Roods, near Butterton, Derbyshire, on Sunday. Meeting point is Hednesford railway station for a 9am prompt departure. Call 07709 039807.

An unreal day! Crowds flock to festival

A host of DJs performed in the tent

A HUGE crowd turned out for the Junction 13 music festival in Staffordshire at the weekend – with organisers announcing it will now return for a third year.

The festival took place at Lower Drayton Farm, near Penkridge, following a successful inaugural event there last year.

It was originally planned for August 12 but had to be postponed because heavy rain raised concerns about the state of the ground.

But the sun was shining on Saturday for the house and techno music festival which it was promised would be 'bigger and better' than ever this year – and visitors were not disappointed.

Organised by Spaced Music & Junction 13, the festival had some of the leading DJs in house and techno music, themed stages, street food vendors and other attractions.

The line-up included Latmun, Darius Syrossian and Max Chapman on the main stage while there were a host of DJs performing in the circus-style tent.

And for 'hardcore ravers' the festival ended with a free 'after party' at Starworks in Wolverhampton continuing into the early hours of Sunday – with organisers putting on a bus service direct to the venue from Lower Drayton.

After another successful weekend organisers wrote on the Facebook page: "We would like to say thank you everyone that attended yesterday's Junction 13 Festival, it has been a difficult road in the run-up with us having to postpone from the original date but we got there in the end and yesterday was an unreal day!"

Sometimes we need help and need places like this

By Diane Davies

'YOU never know if you may need help. People don't want to ask for help but sometimes we need help and we need places like this.'

These are the words of mother Hayley Hart who was so sad to hear of the problems a Hednesford food bank was facing that she raised £250 in a couple of days to turn up with 220kg of supplies.

She said: "It saddened me to hear that such a wonderful commodity was lacking in supplies especially in the run-up to Christmas.

"Both my husband and I have been in receipt of foodbank donations in the past and understand how vital these facilities are. With that in mind we decided to act on it as we were now in a position to do so."

Proud

Hayley, from Mount Street, Hednesford, and her headteacher husband Jay donated £100 – and 11-year-old daughter Evelyn donated £15 of her own money towards the Pye Green Christian Centre.

Evelyn's proud mother said: "She had been saving up for a denim jacket but said 'they need the money more than me'. It absolutely warmed my heart when she said that."

Members of her local mums and toddlers group, Jelly Beans, which meet at the Living Springs community centre in Cannock, and her husband's school in Redditch contributed too and they managed to raise £250 in total.

When Jay rang Tesco in Hednesford to warn that they would be carrying out the big shop there on Saturday the store donated a further £20 worth of food.

The family, including three-year-old son Caspian, hit the aisles and collected 440 different items, from tinned food to coffee and cereals.

The Harts hit the aisles at Tesco in Hednesford

Selecting those vital items from the shelves

On the way to the foodbank

The foodbank's receipt

Hayley said: "We were overjoyed at the response from the workers at Tesco who all helped so much with packing and loading the car and the wonderful workers at the foodbank who were grateful for the donation.

"I just hope that this will show people how important causes such as foodbanks are and how vital it is that everyone tries to do just a little when they can, as it really does add up. And you never know, one day it might be you needing a parcel of food."

As a single mother at university, Hayley needed the support of a foodbank some 10 years ago. She said: "I had to rely on them or we would not have eaten. We relied on them to live."

Hayley, who is a teacher but currently at home looking after her young son, urged members of the community to support this important resource.

She said: "You never know if you are going to be in a position when you need it." The Harts have decided to continue to support foodbanks.

As a family they have decided to cut down on spending at Christmas and instead for each day of December they will buy an item to donate to a charity at the end of the year.

The Chronicle revealed last week that the Christian Centre in Hednesford usually stocks around 10 tonnes of food but currently has just 4.4 and is desperate for help.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Production starts early on new site

PRODUCTION has started early at Gestamp Tallent's new factory in Four Ashes.

The automotive parts manufacturer had planned to start manufacturing there next year but Ian Middleton, the firm's UK chairman, said a business opportunity had arisen that meant that limited small-scale work could be carried out at the 52-acre site.

"We will not be beginning full production until next year and we are planning for an official opening," he said. Building work was completed in July. The phased transfer from Wolverhampton Road, Cannock, is due to take place over the next three years.

Groups can apply for £1,000 grant

COMMUNITY groups are being urged to apply for funding as part of an established EnviroGrant Scheme.

Local organisations have until October 27 to apply for grants of up to £1,000 for projects based in Staffordshire. Launched in March, the scheme has already seen grants of about £10,000 awarded to local groups, and organisers say they are now set to offer further funds.

Application forms are available at www.veolia.com/staffordshire or by emailing hilary.hampton@veolia.com or calling 07824 460233.

Trust has role in diabetes survey

RESEARCH by the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) and Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust (SRFT) has been published in the international journal Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism.

The article explains a new methodology for analysing the relation between the way treatment is organised and delivered for people with type 2 diabetes. This research used data from GPs across England. Prof Tony Fryer of UHNM, who took part in the project, said the study highlighted the value of using national data."

Folk festival in step with street dancing

THE annual Lichfield Festival of Folk, widely known as L2F, will be taking place from October 13 to 15.

The Guildhall and other city venues will be used for L2F musical performances and workshops, and there will also be street dancing. Headlining the Friday night concert in Lichfield Cathedral will be Jon Boden, former singer with the group Bellowhead.

For details, visit lichfieldarts.org.uk/event/the-lichfield-festival-of-folk/

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Buses that will drive you round the bend

A BLANKET 20mph speed limit in Dudley town centre is one of the more eye-catching plans in the exciting new transport plan for the West Midlands Combined Authority.

Personally, I don't think this goes anywhere near enough. What we really need is a man in a top hat walking in front of every car while carrying a red flag.

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THE other two priorities in the transport plan seem to be bendy buses and an extension to the Midland Metro tram link.

Bendy buses were tried in London some years ago, and scrapped in favour of traditional double-decker buses. Complaints included that they were unsuited to the narrow streets and tight bends of urban areas, and also that they could be a danger, particularly to cyclists.

Trams are great for getting from one part of a large city to another, you only have to look at their success in places like Amsterdam or Berlin, and I'm sure that a similar, comprehensive tram network would be equally as successful in, say, Birmingham, although it would be very expensive to implement.

But as a way of travelling between towns and cities? Waste of time, far too slow. After all, why would you spend 45 minutes on the Midland Metro from Wolverhampton to Birmingham, when you can get there on the train in a third of that time?

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AS a rule, I'm all for tougher discipline in schools, but I can't help but think that Barry Smith, the new headmaster of Yarmouth High School which is said to be one of the worst schools in the country, has bitten off more than he can chew.

He has made headlines with strict new rules insisting that pupils must be in bed by 9.30pm every day, and up at 6.30am. Good luck telling teenagers that.

And how exactly is he going to enforce it? Are he and his staff going to visit every pupil's house – some of them as old as 16 – to check they are going to bed and getting up at the right time? If so, hats off to him for his dedication.

One can't help but suspect, though, that it is just an idle threat that it will make no difference whatsoever to the youngsters' sleeping habits.

And it was my understanding that one of the first things they tell you at teacher training college is your authority is undermined forever the moment you make a threat you are not prepared to carry out.

Sir – must do better.

Nothing to do with central heating, it's all those cakes

Prue Leith, the Bake Off judge, puts blame on sedentary lifestyle

Boris Johnson – nothing cocks-up a planned relief mission quite like a VIP visit

Tim Vine – great one-liner as he interviewed a retired farmer for his chat show

Obesity? No Prue-f is in the pudding

PRUE Leith, the Bake Off judge, pins the blame on our "centrally-heated houses and sedentary lifestyle" for contributing to obesity. Nothing to do with all those cakes, then?

IF you're hungry, thirsty, cold and wet and living in terror of looters in some storm-ravaged outpost of Empire in the Caribbean, what is absolutely the last thing you need? Dead right – Boris Johnson. And although the British troops accompanying the Foreign Secretary smile dutifully for the cameras, if you speak privately to any soldier or officer, they'll tell you that nothing cocks-up a carefully-planned relief mission quite like a VIP visit. The Morse code message from the Caribbean was not so much SOS as BOB. I bet you can decode that.

DEVON & Cornwall Police are discussing a merger with Dorset Police. This will reduce the number of forces in England and Wales to 42. That's right, 42. We have one Parliament, one law and one court system, but 42 constabularies. All have their own little empires and chief constables, deputy chief constables, commissioners and their deputies. It is madness. The sooner we have a national police force, the better.

AND if you want proof, look no further than the disgraceful "lockdown" in Cromer last month when a gang of travellers brought terror to the seaside town. By common consent Norfolk Police were rubbish. And what makes their performance even worse is that they were warned, by Suffolk Police, that the travellers were on their way. One constabulary was glad to get the troublemakers off its patch, another constabulary was unprepared to deal with them. Fragmented policing betrays the people.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

WELCOME back, Upstart Crow (BBC2) starring David Mitchell as the young William Shakespeare in a period sitcom stuffed with great gags and sub-GCSE literary references. In contrast, Mitchell's wife, Victoria Coren Mitchell, presents the eye-wateringly difficult quiz show Only Connect, also on BBC2. I cannot think of another showbiz marriage where the husband's TV series makes you feel clever and the wife's makes you feel stupid. They must have an interesting relationship.

A FEW days ago it was reported that Barclays were issuing cheque books with a message urging customers to switch to hi-tech online banking: "It's a high-tech world, so why use a low-tech cheque?" The very next day brought the headlines: "Up to 44 million Britons may have had their data stolen in massive cyber attack." See the connection? Some of us low-tech neanderthals would rather keep our sovereigns under the bed than create any electronic link between our hard-earned money and the global den of thieves that is the internet.

SHORTHAND experts are being invited to study notes made by the great polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. Good luck with that. Shackleton's notes are 114 years old and, as any hack will confirm, shorthand starts to decay after a couple of days.

I LOVED Tim Vine's one-liner as he interviewed a retired farmer for his Chat Show (Radio 4) So the farm, was it arable or did you quite like it?

THE expression "as thick as thieves" describes the tendency of dishonest people to mix with their own sort. It's a confusing expression because so many thieves are, well, simply thick. Take the morons who stole a narrow boat from its mooring near Napton in rural Warwickshire. A 50ft steel boat with a diesel engine is hardly the ideal getaway vehicle. It goes pudda-pudda rather noisily, hits 4mph if you're lucky and there is no chance of turning around, branching off or flogging it to someone. Having nicked a narrowboat you are locked into the waterway network and there is no escape, especially when, as in this case, the owner sets up a Facebook alert. Sure enough, the vessel was found a couple of miles down the cut where police found "signs of cannabis use" and took fingerprints and DNA samples.

DNA is like diamonds. It's forever. The dope-smoking dopes know if they are ever arrested for anything at any time in the future and DNA tested, they will be charged with the boat theft. It's a sort of life sentence on the hopelessly thick, and serve 'em right.

A GUARDIAN columnist who was a great fan of the Greenham Common peace camp of the 1980s writes a piece headlined: "Why anti-nuclear protests need an urgent revival." Not all her readers are convinced. As one puts it, tongue firmly in cheek: "If there is one thing that will stop North Korea it is a load of women in monkey boots eating lentils in a field."

TALKING POINT

Don't let ref pay the penalty for being gay

THE name of Ryan Atkin would not mean a lot to those who follow football. He's probably known even less outside the game.

However, he has made what could prove to be a monumental decision. He's a referee. And he's also admitted he is gay. Atkin coming out has reopened the debate about homophobia surrounding what is known as the beautiful game – and sport in general.

Of course, his sexuality, like anyone else's, should not really be a matter of concern to other people. But, in an era, and industry, where being openly gay is still rare, more has to be made of his admission. In such a male-orientated environment, it's certainly a bold statement to make.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the beginning of decriminalisation of homosexuality in England and Wales, yet people in all walks of life are still afraid to come out for fear of abuse. It's hard to believe that such attitudes exist in the 21st century.

Sportsmen coming out have been few and far between. Athlete Colin Jackson and rugby player Gareth Thomas, former Villa player Thomas Hitzlsperger, US soccer player Robbie Rogers and diver Tom Daley are among the notable exceptions, but few, if any, come out while still at the height of their career.

I am sure that for the above sportsmen, their announcements would have lifted a weight off their shoulders, and at the same time earning them more respect and a host of new supporters.

For campaigners, Atkin's admission is a starting point in getting others to open up and be accepted. But there is still a long way to go.

Ryan Mather is the founder of Huddersfield Town's LBGT+ group and believes it is a positive step forward as fans look for a role model.

Atkin himself will be taking charge of games in the National League North and South divisions this season, but can also operate at up to Championship level as a fourth official. This, to a certain extent, would take him out of the firing line for abuse. Referees suffer enough of this as it is, so to be a referee and gay really does take some bottle. It's an admirable decision. Campaigners feel it could lead to others, even Premiership officials, to open up and they hope Atkin could be a champion of their cause.

My own view is that Atkin, by coming out, is taking a stand against the prejudiced bullies. And he's more of a man than the abusers will ever be.

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Crime hits highest level in district for two years

VW fan Baz raises the bar

Baz Salt from Penkridge with his BarBike picnic bike at the show

FAMILIES turned out in their droves for a celebration of the much-loved Volkswagen.

V Dubs in the Valley featured all things VW including the car maker's famous Beetle and camper van.

Among those exhibiting was VW enthusiast Baz Salt from Penkridge whose Brutebox business up-cycles used army ammunition boxes by converting them into a music amplifier that can be plugged into a phone, tablet or MP3 player.

There was a host of entertainment on offer at the show, off the A442 in Bewdley, over the weekend including live music, skills workshops and ferret racing.

Yam Yam Elvis was the star attraction on Friday night, and a variety of local bands and artists played on the stage during Saturday.

CRIME has soared to its highest levels in Cannock Chase in two years with increases in theft, criminal damage, violently inflicted injuries and public disorder behind the figures.

Anti-social behaviour has also hit a peak with more than 30 reports made to police a day largely put down as 'rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour'.

The latest official police figures reveal there were 693 crimes recorded in the district in August – a rise of 127 compared with June and the highest amount in any month in the last two years.

A sharp rise in theft has contributed to the overall increase with a total of 197 incidents in the month – more than three a day.

That figure has risen consistently since May and is now double the 99 reports in that month. Violence-inflicted 'lesser' injuries soared to 92 cases in August.

Rowdy

And following a similar upward curve is criminal damage which rose to 96 reports. Public disorder cases all but doubled to 41 in August from 21 in July.

Meanwhile, anti-social behaviour, which is logged separately, increased to 322 reports in the month with 'rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour' accounting for more than two thirds of that total – 241 incidents.

Sarah Wainwright, policing team commander for the area, said: "We have experienced high demand across the LPT (Local Policing Team area) and unfortunately have seen increases in certain crime types.

"However, we have had reductions in other areas. Whilst dealing with violent crime and theft matters remains a challenge, we have seen domestic burglaries fall in number due to some significant arrests.

"We continue to work with our community safety partners to tackle threat risk and harm in our communities."

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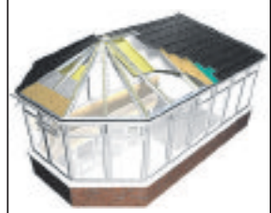
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There is a huge world out there

AFTER reading with utter disbelief the letter from Roger Watts regarding his views on this country leaving the EU it really is difficult to imagine a less informed and yet more jaundiced opinion.

According to Mr Watts, 'there is in this country a mass of right-wingers struggling to keep their extreme views under wraps'.

There is a huge world out there, Mr Watts, and an independent Great Britain is the key to the future prosperity of the whole nation, including you. Of course, should you wish to be happy in Denmark or breathe in the past glories of debt-ridden Italy you, and anyone else for that matter, will as always be free to do so.

TOM ROBBINS
Norton Canes

Passengers in dark over timetable changes

ONCE again, Arriva have demonstrated their consistently poor customer service with their latest round of timetable changes.

Many routes had their services retimed on September 2 – unfortunately the first many people knew about this was when timetables started appearing at stops just the day before, on September 1.

Many people (myself included) missed buses on Saturday and/or Monday not having realised that the times had been changed.

According to Arriva, the timetables were available on their website two weeks before the changes were introduced (except for the 60 and 62 timetables which were only published on September 1).

However, as they hadn't bothered to announce or publicise any upcoming changes, who would have known to look?

As yet, so far as I know, there are still no printed timetables available.

Even the Arriva drivers I've spoken to don't know when or where they will be available.

The worst of this is that they can continue to get away with this sort of rubbish 'service' so long as they have a virtual monopoly on services in the Cannock and surrounding areas.

JAMES SPRIGGS
Burntwood

How do we get past cars on pavements?

CARS parked on pavements is a subject I am so sick of; why do drivers park like this?

How are we supposed to get past? It's always the same – you can't get by without walking on the grass, and this applies to people such as parents with prams, wheelchair users, and people on crutches.

Can we start walking in the road? Would that be acceptable? No, of course not, so why should we have to put up with people like this?

MR A W HEMESLEY
Cheslyn Hay

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Cycle ride will not be any benefit

MAY I express my anger and frustration about the Vélo Birmingham cycle ride through our villages this Sunday.

I am not aware that any of us were consulted, or that our approval was sought or given. It is wholly unprincipled and unacceptable that this event should be allowed to impinge so unfairly upon the natural ebb and flow of rural life in this part of our beautiful South Staffordshire.

I very much doubt that the sight of 15,000 cyclists riding through our villages will placate the residents or that this exercise will bring about any tangible benefit to the image of our county – quite the reverse is more probable.

NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED

Having to prove you have job is reasonable

I'M not sure why I should be 'rattled' but I do have certain facts which I know are right (Letters, September 7 and 14).

I have no knowledge of living or working in Sweden but I lived in The Netherlands and married a Dutchman, who had worked in Germany. In 1965 we returned to England to further my husband's career. He had to show he had a job to come to and could support himself financially.

Isn't this better than just rocking up and getting free housing and an income supplied by the British taxpayer?

I didn't work in Holland prior to my marriage as I had not yet mastered the language so opportunities were limited, perfectly reasonable I think. Members of my family lived and worked in Belgium, France, Germany and Switzerland, all with the same requirement of a job and income, all before Britain joined the EEC.

G SINKE
Rugeley

Ghost stories wanted

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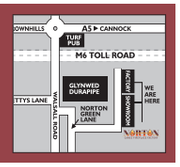

Speaker's lowdown on Antarctica

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PRESIDENT Ann Ingleby welcomed the guest speaker for the evening, Dean Nixon, who, accompanied with photographic slides, gave an entertaining, yet informative talk on his amazing trip of a lifetime to Antarctica.

Dean gave geographical details of Antarctica. It is the coldest, driest and windiest continent and is twice the size of Australia.

No indigenous or permanent people inhabit Antarctica but penguins and seals thrive. There is no government but an Antarctic Treaty System which has 53 parties. Their headquarters is in Buenos Aires.

Dean flew to Buenos Aires and proceeded to Ushuaia from where his ship Gregorio Mikheev (The Good Ship) sailed. These trips have to be taken between the summer months of November and February.

Over three days, the ship sailed along the Beagle Channel then crossed the Drake Passage where the Atlantic and Pacific oceans meet. Once in Antarctica, twice daily trips over three days were made, transported by Zodiacs – inflatable vessels – to locations including Half Moon Island, Deception Island an active volcanic island, the museum at Port Lockroy, Lemaire Channel and Pleneau Bay, an iceberg graveyard.

Dean concluded with a video set to music of still photographs of the chinstrap and gentoo penguins, various birds, seals, icebergs and the general scenery.

Pat's rewarded for 'service above self'

John Grimley, Rotary president Cliff Shore, Pat Wolfe and her husband Graham

Rotary Club of Cannock

THE Rotary Club of Cannock's highest honour, the 'Service above Self Award' for outstanding community service, has been awarded to Pat Wolfe.

Pat worked as a Samaritan for 10 years before becoming a counsellor for the drug and alcohol rehabilitation service. Realising many people within the Cannock Chase area were hungry and homeless she set about trying to help. After a long search, and with the help of Cannock Lions, she took over a small rented unit in Beecroft Road car park.

When funding was no longer available and they were almost forced to close, Rotary got involved and raised funds to purchase and donate the larger Portakabin to replace the smaller rented unit. Pat recruited a team of volunteers to work alongside her, providing food. The Rotary Club raised funds for an electrical service to be connected to enable hot food and drinks to be provided.

The unit now provides on an average day some 50 packed lunches and hot drinks.

President Cliff Shore presented Pat with an engraved cut glass bowl and framed certificate. She said without the club's support, she and her volunteers would have been unable to provide the service.

Gardens tour and retail therapy

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AT the August committee meeting Tina Reynolds was welcomed as a new member. At the guild meeting, Sue Wyke was welcomed.

Members had a very enjoyable day at Trentham Gardens, a tour of the gardens and a little retail therapy in the shops and garden centre. Future visits include the Black Country Museum on October 16 and Alveston Hall on December 14 for the Christmas meal and pantomime.

At the guild meeting members enjoyed a cream tea followed by a bottle stall tombola, the afternoon concluded with a selection of songs from member Chris Eccleshall.

Speaker for October is Nora Price with her 'extended exercise' programme.

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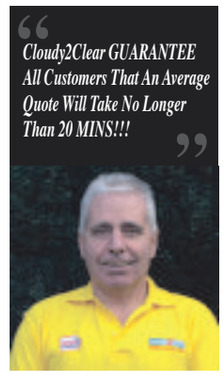

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Staffordshire's PCC **MATTHEW ELLIS** tells why action is needed on the mental health crisis

BEFORE being elected as Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner it wouldn't have occurred to me that mental health issues and policing are quite so inextricably linked.

Less still would I have imagined that in the UK, in 2013, society would be routinely placing individuals with mental health issues in police cells when no crime had been committed, simply because there were no appropriate healthcare facilities available.

I admit that is a somewhat simplistic view of an immensely complex subject. After all, if I was walking down the street and saw someone distressed, acting irrationally or potentially putting themselves in harm's way, I too would call the police.

The urgency of that situation probably means they are needed initially but once things are under control the police are not equipped, nor best placed, to take responsibility for that person for any longer than is absolutely necessary.

They need healthcare support and too often people can even end up criminalised in the justice system when they shouldn't be.

In 2014 I kicked off work to understand the scale of the issues police faced.

The Staffordshire Report provided detailed analysis of all police incidents involving mental health. It found 15 per cent of total police time here was spent dealing with mental health related incidents. Wellbeing of all individuals is paramount to policing but it is not wholly unreasonable to question the thousands of hours of police time spent supporting people when other services should be.

Patient's 19 hours in a police cell

Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis with Grant Williams

GRANT Williams knows how people suffering from mental health problems can end up being locked up by police.

A family member of his spent more than 19 hours locked in a police cell. It not only tied up officers who could have been elsewhere fighting crime, but also added to the pain of the family involved.

The patient, who suffers from depression and personality disorder, ended up in police custody because there was no available beds in Staffordshire.

Mr Williams, aged 62, of Staffordshire, accused the health service of 'shirking' its responsibility.

"It is ridiculous," he said. "It is so frustrating because mental health patients are not getting the support they need. You have to jump through hoops to get the right care."

Force's 'big problem'

A MAJOR review has been launched into how a mental health crisis is draining police resources in Staffordshire.

The county's Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis has commissioned the research to establish an accurate picture of how much time officers spend on mental health cases.

Currently the force does not record how many hours are spent on the cases – but the number of recorded mental health incidents has rocketed to more than 3,000 in the last year.

It is expected officers are spending thousands of hours a year with mental health patients in A&Es and ambulances or trying to calm them down in the street. Mr Ellis said: "What officers are telling me is that there is a big problem out there."

The force has dramatically reduced the number of mentally ill people being locked up in police cells to 30 last year. It followed the first inquiry in the country into police and mental health cases by Mr Ellis, known as the Staffordshire Report, which went on to become a national issue.

Now the force is to become the first to ban officers from detaining people in custody under mental health laws by the end of the year.

He said: "This is a fact finding mission to establish what is going on."

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Fireworks blaze boss to face trial over deaths

A FIREWORKS warehouse owner has denied causing the death of two men following a devastating fire.

Richard Pearson appeared at Stafford Crown Court charged with two counts of gross negligence manslaughter.

The charges are in connection with the deaths of worker Simon Hillier, aged 41, and customer Stewart Staples, 57, who were both from Hednesford.

The pair died following the huge fire on October 30, 2014 at an industrial unit in Baswich used by SP Plastics.

Pearson, 43, owner of SP Plastics, pleaded not guilty on Thursday to unlawfully killing Mr Hillier and Mr Staples by gross negligence.

Richard Pearson – pleaded not guilty

Simon Hillier – 'a terrific dad'

Stewart Staples – 'devoted family man'

Scars

Pearson, of Holyrood Road, Stafford, was also injured in the fire.

His face bears the scars of his burn injuries.

Inside the court, the families of Mr Hillier and Mr Staples watched from the public gallery.

The case will now go to a four-week trial, to take place at the same court in April next year.

Judge Michael Chambers QC said the date of the trial should tie in with the families' availability.

Following a discussion over evidence to be heard, Mr Chambers adjourned the case.

Pearson was granted unconditional bail to appear back at the court.

Fifty firefighters were called to tackle the fire, which engulfed the industrial unit on Baswich Lane Industrial Estate.

Hundreds of rockets were sent exploding into the sky above the burning building and thick black smoke could be seen for miles.

A police cordon remained around the gutted industrial unit for several days afterwards.

Mr Staples was a customer and inside the building when the fire broke out.

Both Mr Staples and Mr Hillier were identified by DNA.

The family of Mr Staples, a worker at Staffordshire County Council, said he was a 'devoted family man' with a wife, three children and a young grandson.

He worked for the local authority's highways department for 26 years and was also a keen golfer and Walsall FC fan.

Mr Hillier was described as a 'fantastic son and brother and a terrific dad' by his close relatives.

He had been a talented kickboxer and trained youngsters at Featherstone Kickboxing Club.

Inquests have so far not been held on the victims due to the ongoing criminal investigation by Staffordshire Police. Within months of the fire, Stafford Plastics Ltd, the firm behind SP Plastics, went into liquidation, according to Companies House.

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Armed police hit streets again after latest attack

ARMED police have been out on streets of Staffordshire and the Black Country in the wake of the Tube terror attack.

Staffordshire Police confirmed that firearms teams were being placed at tourist spots, town centres and transport hubs, although the force stressed there was no intelligence of any particular threat to the county.

Assistant Chief Constable Emma Barnett said: "There will be increased police presence and visibility, both armed and unarmed on the streets in the coming days. Please do not be alarmed, this approach is there to ensure you feel safe and reassured.

"Acts of terrorism and hate crimes are committed by a small minority of people. We must respond to this attack by uniting with members of our community to demonstrate that we do not welcome extremist and violent behaviour."

West Midlands Police also stepped up patrols in transport hubs and highly populated areas telling people not to be surprised if they saw more uniformed officers than normal as well as firearms teams. However, the force said there were no plans to deploy soldiers despite Prime Minister Theresa May authorising support from the military.

Armed officers were spotted outside The Hawthorns before West Bromwich Albion's match against West Ham, as well as Merry Hill shopping centre, and Birmingham city centre.

● Emergency services staff from across the county took part in a day of counter-terrorism exercises.

Lydia Hooley, community engagement officer with Staffordshire Police, said: "This exercise is being held as part of our routine planning and preparation work and is not because of any specific threat to Staffordshire.

"It is important we and our partners are prepared as we possibly can be."

Carol marks 50 years with same firm

Nifty fifty – Carol Owen, centre, with her boss Julie Cox, left, and colleague June Stretton

CAROL OWEN is the epitome of a loyal employee, having worked for the same firm for 50 years.

It all began with her applying for a receptionist role – and being rejected – but bosses at H&L Appleby clearly saw something in the then 16-year-old and gave her an office job.

And while at the metal-pressing firm's base in Willenhall, she progressed to sales office supervisor and was given extra responsibility for exports.

She later went to work at Crabtree's call centre in Willenhall, following a takeover, continuing with the sales team while also taking on price authorisation.

In 2000 she moved to a site at Brownhills and the company came to be Electrium. Then in 2005 she moved to its Cannock branch and was made team leader of the order entry team, later being promoted to sales supervisor, and remains in the role today.

Mrs Owen, now 66, said: "I have enjoyed it. I have no plans to retire. If my health holds, then I will keep going."

£145k 'bullet catcher'

STAFFORDSHIRE Police are to spend more than £140,000 on building a 'bullet catcher' at the force's firing range because officers are having to waste time on sentry duty ensuring people are not caught by stray rounds.

Nearly 1,000 hours of training are being wasted every year by recruits having to stand guard at Baden Hall in Stafford while others are shooting off single shot and semi-automatic weapons.

They have to do this despite the former military complex in Cold Meece being more than a kilometre away from the nearest house and surrounded by dense woodland. The force has had to carry out the contingency measure after the College of Policing (CoP) deemed the training ground was now falling short of national standards – but they have admitted it was having 'significant' implications on training.

The proposal is for a canopy measuring 20ft deep and 60ft wide.

Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Matthew Ellis has signed off a £145,252.16 investment for Kettle and Talbot to build the structure.

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Pupils are top of the class for volunteering

Wolgarston pupils Oliver Marquis-Johnson and Lily Benton with resident Mary Clewes

PUPILS at Wolgarston High School got together to make a difference for older people in retirement living communities managed by Staffordshire not-for-profit organisation Care Plus.

The pupils spent a day on projects with Care Plus, including running IT drop-in advice sessions, sprucing up communal gardens and hosting afternoon tea.

A group of students passed on their IT skills to residents of Pencric, in Penkridge, providing drop-in advice to help people use laptops, mobile phones and tablets.

"They sat patiently with the residents, helping them to overcome problems and get more out of IT" said Pencric manager Nicola Smith.

Six teenagers visited Care Plus communities in Coven, Wheaton Aston and Brewood, where they got busy helping residents brighten communal gardens with planted containers and baskets.

Woman conned her partner out of £370k

A CHADSMOOR woman conned her partner out of almost £370,000 and forced her out of her home, a court heard.

Sally Parfitt, of Princess Street, left former girlfriend Ann Watson 'devastated' by her actions. She piled up £369,000 worth of illegal loans, forging signatures on a string of documents.

By Annabal Bagdi

She pleaded guilty to three counts of obtaining a money transfer by deception between February 2002 and July 2005.

Sentencing the 51-year-old to a three-and-a-half prison sentence, Recorder William Edis QC branded her 'dishonest' .

Stafford Crown Court was told that Parfitt was a career criminal who had already been jailed once this year for a separate £1.8 million VAT fraud.

The couple, who had been in a relationship from 1990, bought Gardeners Lodge, in Wincote Lane, Eccleshall, in 2001, the court heard.

Parfitt, who was trusted with the pair's financial responsibilities, paid the mortgage while Ms Watson paid the bills. The couple remained friends after splitting in 2006 but Ms Watson continued living at the property while Parfitt moved to her parents' Somerset farm.

Parfitt's offending came to light when Ms Watson opened a letter addressed to the defendant and discovered the property was set to be repossessed.

Investigators then found Parfitt had forged Ms Watson's signature, along with personal details, when she fraudulently obtained a £23,000 loan from Black Horse Ltd.

The court heard that Parfitt was jailed for four-and-a-half years in February for a separate VAT fraud, while her 85-year-old father was locked up for five years.

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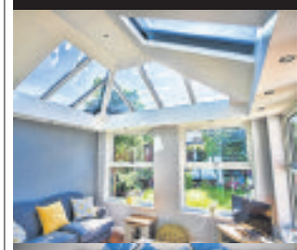

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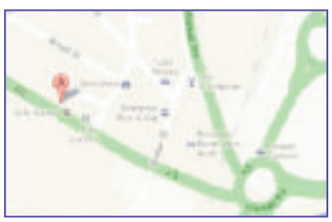

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Our Chronicle judges are simply looking for interesting pictures. The images could be quirky, they could be arty, they could be cute or atmospheric.

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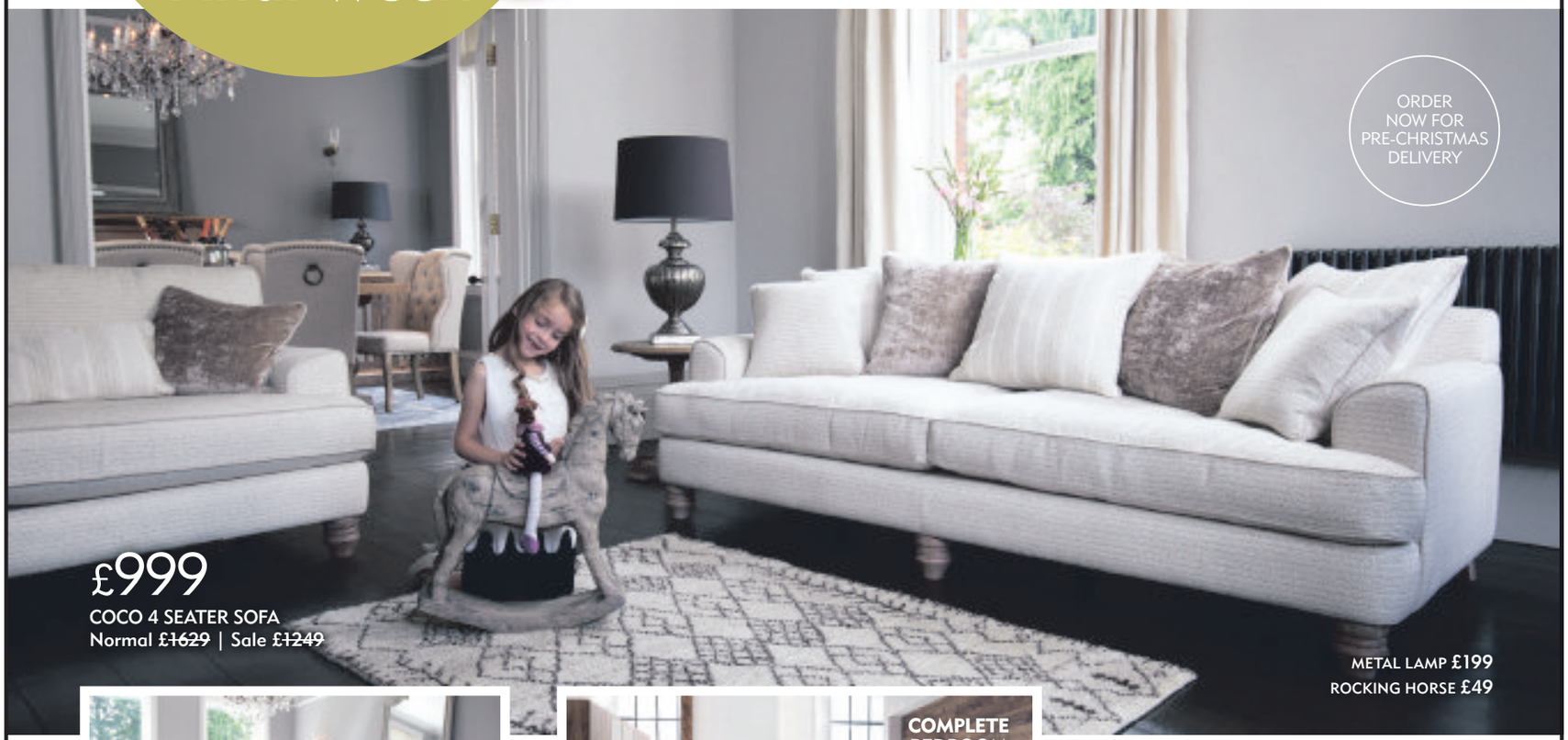

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Chimney is a reminder of heyday

I noted that the contractors associated with the construction of HS2 are likely to be using the site for storage and disposal of materials ("Chronicle, September 7).

Around 10 years ago a high reinforced concrete chimney was built adjacent to the cooling towers with, presumably, a function related to electricity generation. This was fitted with warning lights to alert aircraft and still adorns the night sky in the region.

I assume this recent feature is intended for eventual demolition alongside the remaining derelict structures remaining on-site, but why?

A recent BBC feature highlighted landmarks associated with certain areas – the Angel of the North, Chesterfield's Crooked Spire and many similar.

The tower at Pye Green Tower is a ready example but why not keep the chimney as a reminder of what Rugeley stood for in the latter half of the 20th century – coal and electricity.

MICHAEL PRIEST
Rugeley

So, can we have cake and eat it?

DREAM on! Apparently, we can have our cake and eat it.

We can pull up the drawbridge and tell our EU neighbours they are no longer welcome here.

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I wonder how the 27 member states will sell that arrangement to their voters?

And so many of you believe this tripe!

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MRS CLARE SHOLL
Burntwood

Gating could be answer to problem

REGARDING last week's article, Featherstone Parish Council and residents may be able to apply for the gating off the area ("Call for action over woodland sex pests", Chronicle).

Following fly-tipping, burnt-out vehicles and salacious behaviours in a serene location on Cannock Chase which affected businesses either end of a bridleway, my thoughts were to stop the traffic.

With the help of our local MP, who was absolutely crucial in securing two gates and a third at another location, the businesses are thriving.

If you add the cost of the police presence and the clean-up, it will save thousands of pounds of taxpayers' monies.

MR A ALLPORT
Huntington

Counting the human cost of housing policy

HOMELESSNESS in the UK has risen more than 60 per cent over the last six years, and the National Audit Office claims that it has likely to have been driven by the Government's welfare reforms.

The chairman of the Public Accounts Committee said: "It is a national scandal that more and more people are being made homeless every year, which illustrates the real human cost of the Tories' failure to ensure people have access to affordable housing."

COUNCILLOR PAUL WITTON
Cannock South

GP shows great care

I JUST wanted to add a few words regarding Dr M Murugan (Letters).

He has been my doctor for many years and until my father passed away in 2015 he was also his doctor. My father lived to the age of 92 and a lot of it was down to our wonderful Dr Murugan.

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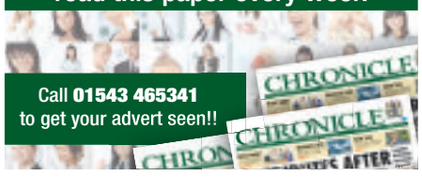

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Amazon worker stole £5,000 of perfume

AN Amazon worker stole more than £5,500 worth of perfume from the company as an 'act of revenge' after becoming disgruntled.

Rajit Kaur, aged 41, was working at the Rugeley fulfilment centre when she took a range of perfumes valued at £589 on August 19, days after taking six bottles of Calvin Klein fragrances.

Kaur, who no longer works for the company, then boxed up more bottles to the value of £5,026 ready to take on August 22 before they were found under her desk.

She pleaded guilty at at Cannock Magistrates Court to three charges of theft.

The court heard that rather than taking the perfumes to sell, use for herself or give away as gifts, she

Rajit Kaur – 'decided to take revenge'

'threw them in the bin' after becoming bitter with the company.

Kaur, from Talbot Road, Wolverhampton, decided to 'take revenge' against her employer after a number of complaints she made regarding her treatment in the workplace were not dealt with to her satisfaction and due to an issue over a security search on her way into the building one day.

Mr David Ellis, defending, said: "This was not done to make a gain for the defendant, in a financial sense or in the sense of her owning these bottles. She took them home and simply threw them in the bin. She was not happy with the company and had issues with how her complaints were handled so decided to take revenge."

The mother of two was given a 26-week sentence suspended for 12 months and was ordered to carry out 10 days of rehabilitation work over the next year. She was also ordered to pay £185 costs, £589 compensation and £145 in surcharges, meaning she now owes out £889.

Delays after lorry hits bridge

The road was closed after this lorry hit the railway bridge on the A34 in Bridgtown *Picture: @BurntwoodCFR*

A LORRY tipped onto its side after crashing into a railway bridge, causing disruption for motorists and trains.

Emergency services were called at 3.30pm last Wednesday to the A34 Walsall Road in Bridgtown.

A fire crew from Cannock helped the man out of the lorry.

West Midlands Ambulance Service confirmed that the driver had only minor injuries. Police closed the road and trains slowed down to 5mph crossing the bridge.

Burntwood and Chase Community First Responders posted a picture of the scene on their Twitter feed which said: "A34 Bridgtown will be closed for sometime due to an overturned lorry."

Mitchell, 13, in motoring contest final

A 13-YEAR-OLD from Norton Canes has reached the final of a national driving competition.

Mitchell Harper entered the Young Driver Challenge 2017 at the NEC, where a highly qualified driving instructor accessed his skills behind the wheel of a car.

Beating off competition from hundreds of entrants, Mitchell, who attends Brownhills School, is among only 40 finalists who will travel to the NEC on September 30 to battle it out for the title of Britain's best young driver – with all the competitors under the legal driving age of 17.

Mitchell said: "I am so excited to have made the final.

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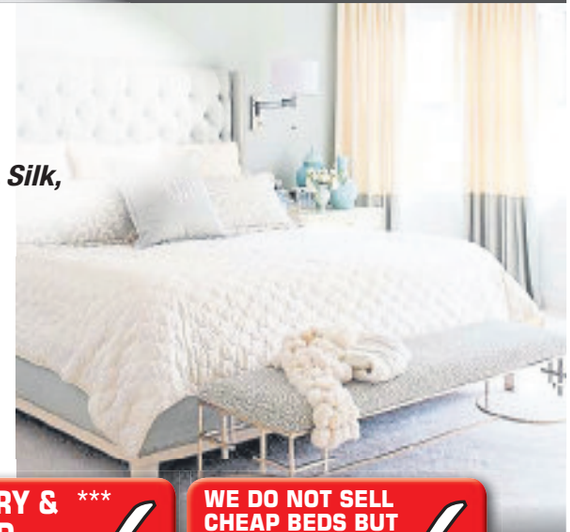

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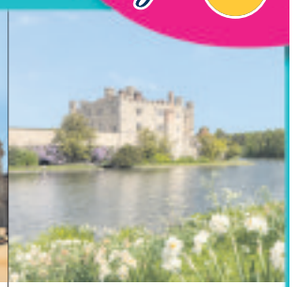

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Town among worst for number of empty shops

NEARLY one in four shops in Walsall are closed, making it one of the worst affected town centres in the country according to a new report.

Shop openings across the UK has slowed down, with uncertainty over Brexit blamed for one of the worst performances in the last five years.

Figures from the Local Data Company, for April to June this year, shows the number of shop openings fell by 84 per cent compared to the same time last year. Despite a 1.7 per cent increase in shop openings on last year, Walsall was fifth worst performing shopping centre in the UK with 24.6 per cent of premises closed.

Empty shops in Walsall town centre

Intu's Merry Hill Centre, Dudley

West Bromwich High Street

The closed BHS in Wolverhampton

Fortunes

For the rest of the Black Country, West Bromwich has 22.4 per cent of shops shut, while Dudley has 17.7 per cent and in Wolverhampton, almost one in five shops, or 19.7 per cent, were closed during the second three months of the year.

Wolverhampton in particular will be hoping for a sharp change in its fortunes over the autumn as more retailers, including Debenhams, move into its Mander Shopping Centre following a £25 million revamp.

The national average between April and June was 12.2 per cent, while in the West Midlands it was slightly higher at 14.2 per cent, and the best performer locally was the Merry Hill Centre, with a vacancy rate of just 9.7 per cent.

Its owner, intu, has recruited a string of shop chains since then and Next is due to move into the redeveloped former Sainsbury's supermarket at the centre next spring. Cannock's shop vacancy rate was also on the right side of the national average, at just 10.2 per cent, along with Stourbridge, at 11 per cent.

Nationwide, 207 more shops closed than opened over the period, a reverse from the 1,284 increase in shops during the first three months of the year. There has also been a slowdown in the number of shops opening; just 2,995 in the second quarter of this year compared to the quarterly average of 4,006 in 2012 – a 25 per cent drop.

Matthew Hopkinson of LDC said: "There was a striking turnaround in the second quarter of 2017 especially when compared to the trends of 2016, in the number of shop openings."

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Recovering her wedding day smile with the All-on-4 therapy is Jannet Harris. *Inset:* **The Big Day image from which Steven Burchell had to work**

WHEN Janet Harris's smile was compromised she knew exactly what she wanted from her dentist."Definitely no dentures," the super-nan says emphatically.

"My mother had more sets of false teeth than I have fingers, she could never master them and I'm sure I couldn't either," she adds.

"I wanted something just like my own teeth – there's nothing like them – and I didn't want brilliant white teeth either . . . they look ridiculous on someone my age," says the spritely 70-something-year-old financial controller, who works full-time for her family profile cutting business.

Memorable moment

"No," she affirms, taking a black and white wedding album picture from her handbag. "I wanted teeth like those in this photograph when I was 19, natural and not too white." Snapped on her Big Day with husband Colin and brother Brian at the then newly-built Catholic church in Whiteheath, Janet was determined to recover the smile of that memorable moment.

She admits to being lucky with her native teeth and the dentistry she has received since she was child.

But after surviving an astonishing 30 years, three teeth on an upper left bridge fell out. "I also had five teeth at the front on a bridge and I knew it was time to get some new dental work done," she says.

With care, it's possible for bridges to last up to eight years.

"I'd lost a few back teeth when I was a girl. Mum, who was terrified of the dentist, didn't believe in fillings and I was dispatched with my father to have teeth out," she adds.

Those memories of having gas extractions, the predictable sickness afterwards and "the horrible, black rubber mask" are vivid, but Janet still braved regular dental appointments throughout her life. She recalls how her friend attended a questions and answers open day at North Street Dental and Implant Clinic after experiencing problems with a prosthetic prescription and recommended her to chat with the friendly staff.

'No pain'

After initial consultations with implant surgeon Owain Rees BDS DGDP (UK) Dip Imp Dent (UCL) and Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng), Janet continued to research her clinical options.

"I started coming [to the surgery] every other week to be clear in my own mind about the decision on the treatment. Everyone was patient with me and very helpful answering my questions," says Janet.

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With conscious sedation during the procedure, Janet was able to leave the surgery by 4pm. "I genuinely had no pain – well, except for the fact I couldn't have a glass of wine for a few days," she jokes.

And the wedding day look? "I've got a few more wrinkles now, but it's pretty close."

Adds Steven: "Using the picture to get the aesthetics right was helpful, but we went through a few hoops getting there as we considered the natural ageing process on the teeth.

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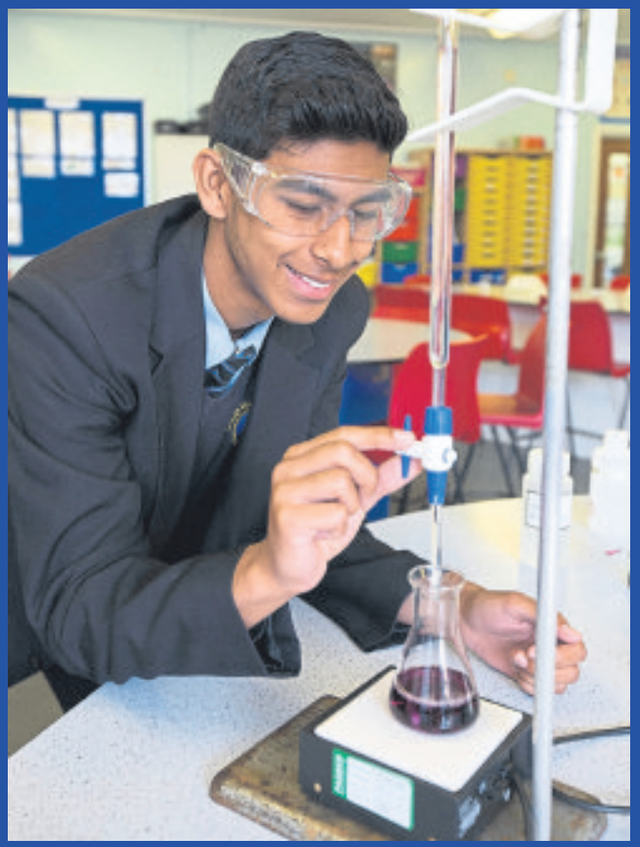

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Concerns revealed over power station scheme

Anger at tree damage

Alan Rogerson takes a look at the damaged tree near his home

A RESIDENT living near Cannock Chase has spoken of his anger after a tree was damaged during maintenance work.

Alan Rogerson, of Brindley Road, Hednesford, said the tree was left 'in a terrible state' after maintenance work to trim bushes surrounding it was carried out last week.

He called it an 'eyesore' and said he had contemplated cutting the rest down himself.

"I can't believe someone would just leave it like that," Mr Rogerson said.

"Whoever carried out this maintenance work has obviously accidentally damaged the tree and can't be bothered to finish off the job, leaving us living nearby with this eyesore.

"It is a beautiful area and the green land backs on to Cannock Chase. I am half inclined to go and fix it myself."

MORE than 100 people have had their say on the planned redevelopment of Rugeley Power Station, amid fears of lorries bringing the town to a halt.

Significant implications for the redevelopment of the site have been revealed following a consultation.

Responses to a Supplementary Planning Document, which was put out jointly by Cannock Chase and Lichfield District Councils, included submissions from Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling, Rugeley Power Ltd, which owns the site, and planning consultants Pegasus Group.

Ms Milling warned against creating warehouses and distribution centres which would not only provide low-skilled jobs, but also add to the town's existing problems with HGVs. The MP said the site would be more suited to a science or technology park.

Impact

And the Sutton Coldfield-based Pegasus Group says the site could cater for up to 2,000 homes – more than double the 800 currently earmarked – to help meet housing shortages in Birmingham.

Meanwhile, Savills estate agents, on behalf of Rugeley Power Ltd, has provided more details on the impact HS2 would have on the development.

The company says: "The HS2 Bill proposals include the legal instruments to acquire by compulsory means various parcels of land within the Rugeley Power Station site.

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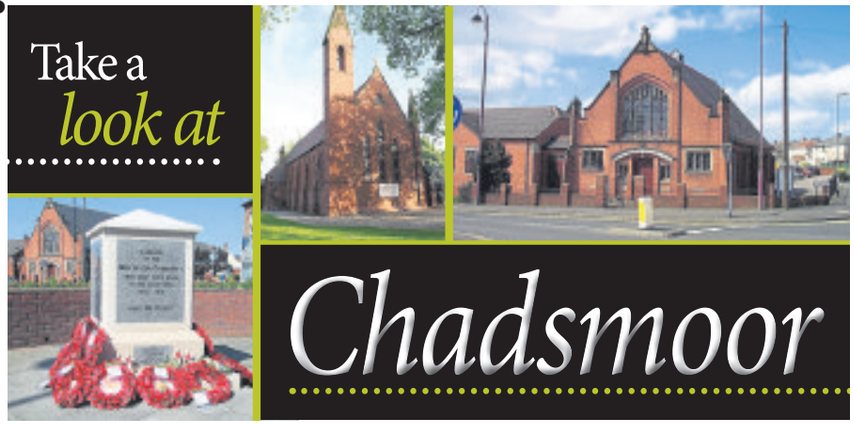

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Noddy Holder and Dave Hill in action

An early shot of Slade taken when they used to travel down to London

It's great when yow tek me bak 'ome says Noddy

ANDY RICHARDSON catches up with rock hero NODDY HOLDER as Slade Alive! is re-released

'PEOPLE mek places. Buildings are there but it's people who mek places. And people mek the Black Country, them the salt of the earth. I've been everywhere in the world and there's nowhere as good as the Black Country.'

Slade were a product of the Black Country and Noddy Holder is proud of his roots and woe betide anyone who says a bad word about it.

"I speak to people who've never been to the Black Country or the Midlands. They all slag it off. But they've never bin. How the f*** do they know what they're talking about?" says the Freeman of Walsall.

Noddy is reminiscing about the early days as this year marks the 45th anniversary of the band's breakthrough album Slade Alive which went straight to number two. It was their first record to enter the UK top 40 and stayed there for more than a year. It has been re-released to coincide with the anniversary.

He reflects: "I've probably not lived there for 40 years, thinking of the time I left Walsall. It's certainly 30-odd years. But when I drive into the Midlands, if I go and buy a paper in a shop, the accent of the customers makes me feel at home."

Chips

He gets recognised everywhere he goes. People in the shops say 'alright Noddy, ow yow doin'? It's like they know you and them yur mate. They'll tell me to get me hair cut. They still have that sense of humour. So you feel like you're home.

"I tell yow summat. People who live in the Black Country doe appreciate what they got. I know the yoof don't because occasionally I give talks to colleges and schools. They don't appreciate the history of the area.

"It don't matter where you go in the world, there's few places you get the warmth that you get from the Black Country. I get the same vibe from the southern states in America. There's the atmosphere, the people and the music – it's the same as the Midlands.

"And I tell you summat else. You won't get better fish and chips, or curry, no matter where you go. The pubs are great and the characters you meet in them are the best in the world."

He remembers recording Slade Alive as though it were only yesterday. The band had been on Top Of The Pops that night. It cost just £600 to make and recorded over three nights at London's Command Theatre Studio in front of an audience, the idea of manager, Chas Chandler, who also produced. Noddy says: "Chas wanted something to keep the fans interested so we went along with it. He booked us into a studio on Piccadilly in London for three nights on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On the Wednesday we were called into Top Of The Pops with Coz I Luv You, which was our next single. It was selling like hot cakes.

"So we went straight from TOTP to Command Studios after the recording. We'd done TOTP and had a few drinks. We were buzzing.

"We walked on stage and the atmosphere was brilliant. In the end, we scrapped the recordings from Tuesday and Thursday and just used the gig from Wednesday because it was so good.

"We captured the raucousness of our live shows on that record. We'd been trying to capture it on record before because that's what Slade was all about.

"It was all about that spontaneous, raucous guitars – we were a real rock'n'roll band.

"Before then, every time we'd been in the studio the engineers would be telling us to turn the amps down because we were always too loud for everyone. But we played at full poke on Slade Alive."

The record was recorded in late November 1971 and came out in early spring 1972. It changed the game and earned them the acclaim. And yet, remarkably, they had yet to enjoy the fruits of their success.

Noddy says: "At the time of recording we were all still living with our parents, although we were hardly ever there because we were touring that much or recording in London.

"But the Midlands was still our base because we couldn't afford to move anywhere. We hadn't started making any money at that point."

Slade Alive opened the floodgates and they were sent to Europe to tour. In Australia, the record went to number one and stayed there for six months. "It was only knocked off the week we arrived and released our next album, Slayed? We had the number one and number two album and three singles in the chart. It was the same in Canada. But we were never an overnight success. That was the culmination of five years of hard slog."

Slade experienced something akin to Beatlemania during the early 1970s. From 1971 to 1973 they enjoyed six number one hits, two number two hits and a single, Look Wot You Dun, that made it to number four. They breached the USA chart and enjoyed success across Europe.

Noddy enjoyed his time with the band – "what we had was unique" – though he declined an opportunity to rejoin.

"I'd had 25 years with the same people every day. I wanted something different."

Glam bam – Nod and co conquered the charts on both sides of the Atlantic

Playground bus tribute to teacher's 'dear daddy'

Youngsters Eloise Bevan, Bonner Smith, Jamie Jones and Brandon Freeman, all aged 12, with Gale Flower, centre, with the new reading bus at Ridgeway Primary School

Gale Flower by her Cannock underpass drawing of the bus

A TEACHER has marked a year since her father's death by creating a replica of a bus he drove and later owned.

The pale green and cream Harper Brothers double decker was used on routes around Staffordshire and and into Birmingham.

It was driven by Donald James Fowler, who was a teacher during the week and a bus driver at weekends.

Known as DJ, he had a particular fondness for the No 9, so much so he bought and kept it for 40 years.

Now, a year after he died aged 80, a mini version has been parked on the playground at Ridgeway Primary School in Burntwood where his daughter works. Gale Flower, 50, from Chase Terrace, said: "My dear daddy had such a love for that number nine bus. It is something that was treasured by my father and has now been used for something to inspire children with their reading and to be a reminder of our valuable local history. It is perfect."

Gale wanted to do something in memory of her father so proposed the idea to One Stop's Carriers for Causes, which gave her £3,000 to pay for the model. The real bus was sold to Ensign Bus Co Ltd with her father's blessing and will now be used for weddings, as well as appearing on film sets.

'DJ' Fowler and his treasured bus

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Garner-ing a piece of Spanish heaven

Commercial feature

MEET the Garner family from Cannock on stand B 22 at The 'A Place In The Sun Exhibition' at The NEC, on September 22, 23 and 24

Stars of the Channel 4 property series Sun, Sea and Selling Houses, they are certain to be a popular draw with the crowds given the response they had at the London Olympia in May, and their popularity just keeps on growing.

On series one they had a million and a half visits and an average of 75,000 visits a day to their website, with a further instant 10,000 followers on facebook. One of their clients has even written and performed a song about them.

The power of television can be a wonderful thing when it comes to people and property. Just ask the Garner family now building their own Spanish empire in majestic Mojocar. They began the process of filming for a brand new Channel 4 fly-on-the-wall documentary, 'Sun, Sea and Selling Houses', hoping perhaps to get a little extra business.

The Spanish Property Choice team and some of their many clients

Sharon and Steve with some of the Spanish Property Choice staff

Demand

Now a year on, the success of the series has seen the need for the agency to employ new staff, as demand for their services has rocketed.

Spanish Property Choice now has 14 people based in their Mojocar office, as more and more people look to them for that dream home in Spain. A combination of sun, sea, lifestyle choices and the pulling power of Spain has resulted in enquiries for property soaring. Both the family and company have become household names in the UK, Spain and America.

The 20 hour-long programmes in the first series follow the day-to-day business of agencies selling dream Spanish properties to British investors. It also chronicles family adventures along the way. And it seems mum Sharon, dad Steve, daughter Emma, son Shaun and son-in-law Matt have made quite an impression on the viewers following their trials and tribulations.

When the first series finished back in spring Sharon told me: "It was a great pleasure to be asked to take part in the series, and we're all absolutely gobsmacked by the response. We've actually had a few sleepless nights just trying to keep up with the enquiries. We've now got more than 9,000 followers on Facebook and have clients in Florida, Paphos, Crete, Portugal, France, Italy and all over Spain. Business has always been good, but this extra exposure has really fired things up. I've even had people and companies asking about my clothes and where I buy them. It's crazy! We hoped it would go well. But this has all been well above our expectations."

When Stephen and Sharon moved to the beautiful province of Costa Almería 13 years ago, their original intention was to semi-retire. Their son Shaun attended a Spanish public school, and Emma found employment initially for a Spanish recreational company.

However after a short time, Stephen and Sharon were head hunted by a Spanish Property Developer in Olula del Río, who saw potential in the historical experience they both had to offer the Spanish Real Estate Market. Consequently they opened their first office predominantly selling old farmhouses, cave houses and traditional Spanish village houses full of charm and character. The rest as they say, is history.

Fresh from their success, the company then became stars of the 'A Place In the Sun Exhibition at Olympia', with people of all ages flocking to their stand, for property advice, to say hello and yes – to ask for an autograph.

Look out for the next 25 episode series of Sun, Sea and Selling Houses early next spring. And if it's that dream property in Spain you desire, look no further than all over the world Spanish Property Choice.

Sharon says: "The whole TV thing is wonderful and we love every minute of it, but our full focus is on what we do best. Finding our clients their dream home."

Hamptons International is a leading residential property company in the UK and has been inspired enough by the family's drive and ambition, to create a regional partnership. This will further strengthen their hand in terms of the business Spanish Property Choice have successfully developed into Mojacars number one Real Estate Agency, now leading the market for Inland and Coastal re-sale properties and long term rentals.

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Spanish Property Choice, established by Stephen & Sharon Garner in 2007, now celebrates 10 successful years, and they are located a hop, step and a jump from blue flag Mediterranean beaches in the beautiful coastal resort of Mojacar in Almeria, with over 590 properties for sale and rent in Almeria, Murcia and on the Costa Blanca in Alicante.

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PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Substantial family home lies in a popular suburb

A substantial family home, 29 John Street, Wimblebury, Cannock, lies in a popular suburb with amenities and schools nearby.

With sizable accommodation including a stunning open plan kitchen/dining room with a vaulted ceiling, it is for sale through butters john bee at £199,950.

The house also has two further reception rooms, a canopied porch, an entrance hall, a utility, a guest WC, three bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Outside there is a large driveway and an enclosed rear garden.

In more detail the entrance hall has stairs to the first floor. The dining room has a bow window to the front and an archway leading through to the lounge. This has sliding patio doors to the rear garden and an electric fire set in a decorative surround.

The superb extended open plan kitchen/dining room has a bow window tot he front, spotlights, a window to the rear and two skylight windows. It is fitted with a matching range of wall, base and drawer units with a fitted work surface incorporating a sink unit with mixer taps, an integrated dishwasher and space for further appliances.

With tiled flooring, the utility has spotlights, working surfaces and space for appliances with the guest WC off. Upstairs, bedroom one overlooks the front. Bedroom two has views over the rear garden and has built in wardrobes. Bedroom three is positioned to the front and has a built-in wardrobe.

The bathroom is at the rear, having a heated chrome towel rail, tiled flooring, spotlights and a suite consisting of a vanity style wash hand basin, WC and a panelled bath with a shower over and mixer taps.

Outside to the front is a concrete print driveway providing off road parking for several vehicles and a lawned garden.

The rear garden consists of a paved patio seating area with steps up to a lawned garden.

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A magnificent five-bedroomed extended detached house in Sutton Road, Walsall, lies in a superb position and is exceptionally well appointed throughout.

Extending to over 3,000 square foot, and on a plot of around 1/5 acre, it is for sale through Fraser Wood at £585,000.

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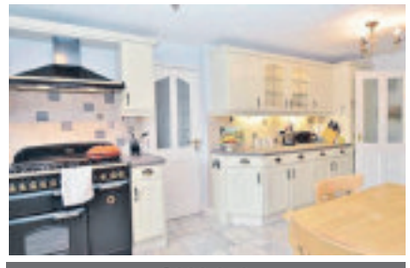

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Convenient For Facilities at Cannock Town Centre

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- Double glazed conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen
- Side entrance lobby & utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Off road parking and well stocked garden
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- EPC rating D (56)

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86 PLATT STREET, HEDNESFORD

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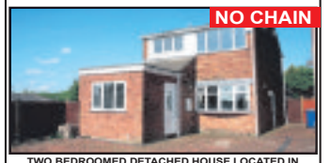

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- Dining room/possible bedroom 3
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
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- Bathroom
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- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

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52 MILL CRESCENT, HEATH HAYES

NO CHAIN

END MEWS HOUSE OFFERING TWO BEDROOMS
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Access to Local Facilities

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- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Electric heating
- All windows double glazed
- EPC rating E (48)

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430 LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

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- Lounge
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- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Possible garage space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (72)

£164,950 FREEHOLD

18 VIEWFIELD AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN

DETACHED TWO BEDROOMED BUNGALOW OCCIPYING CORNER PLOT GARDENS LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA
Convenient For Facilities at Hednesford and Cannock Centre

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Shower room
- Detached garage
- Corner plot gardens
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4 BALMORAL COURT, BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD

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- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and bathroom
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- EPC rating C (80)

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35 GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK

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- Sitting room & living room
- Double glazed conservatory
- L-shaped breakfast kitchen
- Utility room/cloaks room
- Four bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Extensive parking and garage
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (57)

£1400pcm

45 NORTON TERRACE, NORTON CANES

DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM MID TOWN HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Garden to front
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C (71)

£450pcm

5 BROOME WALK, HANDSACRE

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance Lobby
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Garden
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£495pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (58)

£850pcm

4 HATHERTON HOUSE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR APARTMENTLocated In Sought After Area Convenient For Facilities At The Village Centre

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C (77)

£550pcm

FLAT 7 HATHERTON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE

WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT Located In Sought After Development Convenient For Penkridge Village Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£550pcm

40A OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

UNDER APPLICATION

WELL EQUIPPED SELF CONTAINED ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In Much Sought After Residential Area With Views Of Cannock Park To Rear

- Entrance hall
- Landing
- Open plan Lounge/kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- One car parking space
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (76)

£475pcm

40 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

TWO BEDROOM END TERRACED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens & off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (55)

£625pcm

324 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

UNDER APPLICATION

WELL APOOINTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Integral garage
- Gas central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£650pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD

WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

10 SPIRES CROFT, SHARESHILL

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSELocated In Popular Cul-De-Sac In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Refitted open plan dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted en-suite shower room
- Refitted family bathroom
- Detached double width garage
- Well stocked mature gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (64)

£1300pcm

23 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

UNDER APPLICATION

TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Entrance lobby
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no smokers, DSS or pets
- EPC rating C (78)

£525 pcm

INGLESIDE, TOP ROAD, ACTON TRUSSELL

SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION COMPRISING OF THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH ADDITIONAL ONE BEDROOMED ANNEX Located In The Much Sought After Village of Acton Trussell

- Lounge
- Dining room & garden room
- Breakfast kitchen & utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom & guests cloakroom
- Double garage
- Mature well stocked gardens
- Annex with lounge, kitchen & bedroom
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (41)

£1350pcm

FIRST FLOOR FLAT, 34 MARKET STREET, HEDNESFORD

ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT Located In Hednesford Town Centre Convenient For Local Facilities And Public Transport

- Hall
- Lounge
- Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Part double glazed
- Parking to rear
- Sorry no smokers or pets allowed
- DSS considered
- EPC rating: F (21)

£350pcm

18 BLACKHAM ROAD, ASHMORE PARK, WEDNESFIELD

TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- Lounge & dining area
- Double glazed conservatory
- Kitchen
- Side porch & utility area
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets
- EPC rating: D (58)

£550pcm

11 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR FLAT Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Reception hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Se cure entry system
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (79)

£525pcm

23 HEATH WAY, HEATH HAYES

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, sokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (77)

£525pcm

8 RAILWAY STREET, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Originally Built In The Popular Inter War Period Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining area
- Refitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (52)

£625pcm

4 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

TWO BEDROOM BARN CONVERSIONLocated On The Picturesque Country Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Enclosed foregarden
- Communal grounds & parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC raing: B (82)

£595pcm (Plus Service Charge)

4 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

UNDER APPLICATION

SPACIOUS FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSELocated In Popular Residential Area

- Cloakroom with WC
- Sitting room & dining room
- Study & family room
- Kitchen & Utility room
- Five bedrooms
- Three en-suite shower rooms
- Family bathroom
- Double garage
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (79)

£1350pcm

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NEW

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Birch Lane, Brereton £149,995

● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom family home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and situated on a good sized corner plot. Being close to local amenities and having Hallway, Two Reception Rooms,Fitted Kitchen and Guest w.c. Landing to Three Bedrooms, Refitted Shower Room and Separate w.c. Off

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NEW

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Talbot Road, Brereton £159,950

MUST BE VIEWED

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom semi detached home, close to local amenities.Accommodation having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Shower Room. Driveway to Covered Carport and Gardens

Watkiss Drive, Rugeley £144,950

MUST BE VIEWED

● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached home, situated in a cul de sac location,close to local amenities.Having Porch, Lounge, Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for several vehicles to Carport and Garden to rear

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MUST BE VIEWED

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St Michaels Road, Brereton £119,950

NO CHAIN

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Plovers Rise, Rugeley

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JR PROPERTIES

Fortescue Lane, Rugeley £279,950

NEW

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Priory Avenue, Hawksyard £174,950

NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom semi detached home,being situated on the popular Hawksyard Estate. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite,Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear.

Main Road, Brereton £249,950

NEW

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Woodheyes Lawns, Etching Hill £154,950

NEW PRICE

● JR Properties are pleased to market this three/ four bedroom family home, in a sought after location,close to local amenities. Having Hallway, Bedroom Four, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Driveway and Garden to rear

£285,000

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ted three bedroom detached bungalow with UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Suite ,Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway

Moss Green, Rugeley £125,000

NO CHAIN

● " CASH BUYERS ONLY" JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge/ Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear

Anson Street, Rugeley £299,950

MUST BE VIEWED

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LOT 1

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FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Mid mews house
- Three bedrooms
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- In need of modernisation
- EPC rating G (1)

GUIDE PRICE £85,000+

LOT 2

29 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 1HX
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Mid terraced house
- Two reception rooms
- Two bedrooms
- Located in very popular area
- In need of refurbishment
- EPC rating G (14)

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LOT 3

FIELD A, LAND AT HORSEBROOK HALL LANE, BREWOOD, ST19 9LP
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Pasture land
- Extending to approx 2.40 acres (0.971Ha) or thereabouts
- Road frontage and gated access to Horsebrook Hall Lane

GUIDE PRICE £40,000-£50,000

LOT 4

FIELD B, LAND AT HORSEBROOK HALL LANE, BREWOOD, ST19 9LP
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Pasture land
- Extended to approx 1.60 acres (0.647Ha) or thereabouts
- Road frontage and gated access to Horsebrook Hall Lane

GUIDE PRICE £25,000-£35,000

LOT 5

143 BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES, WS11 9SN
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Spacious detached house
- Popular residential area
- Requiring some improvement
- Gas central heating
- Part double glazed
- EPC rating E (41)

GUIDE PRICE £130,000+

LOT 6

23 HEATH GAP ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 6DY
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Two bedroom semi detached house
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gas central heating
- In need of refurbishment
- EPC rating E (42)

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LOT 7

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FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Parcel of land adjoining St Edithas Church
- Located on the edge of village of Church Eaton
- Extending to approx acres (Ha) or thereabouts
- Extending to approx. 0.22 of an acre (0.09Ha) or thereabouts

GUIDE PRICE £25,000 - £35,000

LOT 8

TENNANTS BAKERY SITE, 13 WOOD LANE, HEDNESFORD, WS12 1BW

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Potential residential redevelopment site for 8 houses comprising:
- 2 pairs of semi detached, 3 detached and 1 detached bungalow
- Extending to 0.30 Ha or thereabouts
- A planning application (No: CH/17/249) has been submitted to Cannock Chase Council

GUIDE PRICE £500,000+

LOT 9

LAND REAR OF 77 OLD FALLOW ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 5QL
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Residential redevelopment site extending to 0.22 Ha or thereabouts
- Having O.P.P for the erection of 5 detached houses
- Planning application no: 15/0410 Cannock Chase Council

GUIDE PRICE £375,000+

LOT 10

1A HOLDEN CRESCENT, COALPOOL, WALSALL, WS3 1PY
LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Modern first floor flat
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- Electric heating (not tested)
- Predominantly doube glazed
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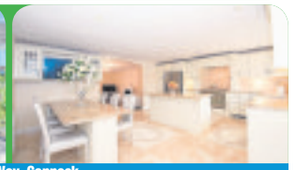

Bideford Way, Cannock

- Detached house
- Five Bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Open plan living
- Large driveway
- Large L-shaped garden
- Popular residential area
- No chain

£290,000

Hatton Road, Cannock

- Detached Family Home
- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Open Fields To The Front
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs WC
- Very Popular Location
- Close To Cannock Chase
- Carport & Garage

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Hednesford Road, Norton Canes

- Detached Three Bedroom House
- Views To The Front Over Field
- No Upward Chain
- Lounge and Dining Room
- Large Block Paved Driveway
- Gas Central Heating System
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Must Be Viewed

£179,950

Wallace Close, Norton Canes

- THREE BED DETACHED
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- DUAL ASPECT LOUNGE / DINER
- CONSERVATORY
- GARAGE
- FITTED KITCHEN
- REFITTED BATHROOM
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES

£170,000

Lowland Road, Huntington

- FOUR BEDROOM SEMI
- LOUNGE/DINER
- CONSERVATORY
- DOWNSTAIRS WC
- FRONT & REAR GARDENS
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- FITTED KITCHEN
- FRONT AND REAR GARDENS

£129,950

Melbourne Road, Heath Hayes

- Semi-Detached Home
- Three Bedroom
- No Chain
- Located To Local Amenities
- Ideal First Time Buy Or Investment Purchase
- Sapcious Lounge
- Archway To Dining/Sitting Area

£120,950

Huntington Terrace Road, Chadsmoor

- Detached Three Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Guest WC/Utility
- Large Rear Garden
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- No Chain Involved

£155,000

Barnard Way, Cannock

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Store Room
- Ideal Buy To Let
- Tenant in, Paying £500
- Private Garden

£87,500

Wolverhampton Road, Cannock

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- EPC - C

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- Parking
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Baker Street, Burntwood

- Detached bungalow
- Kitchen with some appliances
- Two bedeooms
- Gas central heating
- Driveway
- Available soon

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The Courtyard, Walsall Wood

- Semi detached property
- Kitchen with oven & hob
- Spacious Lounge
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom & en-suite
- Two parking spaces

£695pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

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- Kitchen/diner
- Three bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Large rear garden

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Newly Refurbished	EPC C

Partridge Close, Cannock

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Terraced Property	Quiet Cul De Sac
Two Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Lounge	EPC C

Mountside Street, Hednesford

Offers Around £130,000

Semi Detached Property	Utility
Three Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Large Kitchen / Diner	EPC E

York Road, Cannock

Offers Around £150,000

Semi Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Lounge	EPC D

Tuppenhurst Lane, Rugeley

NEW

Terraced House
Three Bedrooms
Newly Refurbished
Kitchen / Diner
Driveway
EPC D

Offers Around £160,000

Berwyn Grove, Cheslyn Hay

NEW

Offers Around £154,950

Semi Detached Property	Good Location
Two Bedrooms	NO CHAIN
In Need of Modernisation	Awaiting EPC

Greenheath Road, Hednesford

NEW

Offers Around £165,000

Town House Property	Recently Refurbished
Three Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Two Reception Rooms	Awaiting EPC

Norton East Road, Cannock

REDUCED

Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge
Utility
Garage
EPC D

Offers Around £160,000

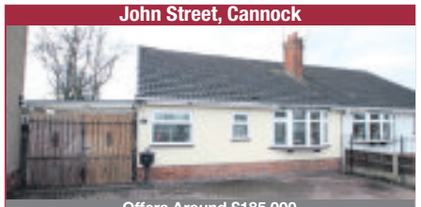
School Road, Norton Canes

NEW

Offers Around £180,000

Semi Detached Property	Rear Garden
Three Bedrooms	Garage
Two Reception Rooms	Awaiting EPC

John Street, Cannock



Offers Around £185,000

Domer Semi Detached Bungalow	Rear Garden
Four Bedrooms	Garage
Fitted Kitchen	EPC E

Matthews Drive, Cannock

Offers Around £160,000

End Terrace Property	Shared Ownership Available
Two Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Brand New	Awaiting EPC

Stoney Lea Road, Cannock

Offers Around £200,000

Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Garage
Lounge	EPC D

Walsall Road, Great Wyrley

Offers Around £275,000

Detached Property	Outdoor Heated Swimming Pool
Four Bedrooms	No Chain
Ample Off Road Parking	EPC D

Mere Croft, Norton Canes

Offers Around £290,000

Detached Property	Kitchen / Diner
Four Bedrooms	Conservatory
Lounge	Awaiting EPC

Rickerscote, Staffordshire

REDUCED

Well Presented Cottage
Two Bedrooms
Lounge
Kitchen
Well Maintained Gardens
EPC E

Offers Around £230,000

Holly Hill Road, Rugeley

REDUCED

Offers Around £415,000

Detached Dormer Bungalow	Corner Plot
Four / Five Bedrooms	Garage
Well Presented	EPC C

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INTRODUCING

The British Property Awards Winner for Cannock

Jayman have just won The British Property Awards for Cannock.

Their team performed outstandingly throughout the extensive judging period, which focused on customer service levels.

Jayman have now been shortlisted for a number of national awards which will be announced later in the year at our lavish ceremony in central London.

The British Property Awards provide agents throughout the UK with an invaluable opportunity to compare the service that they provide against the service provided by their, local, regional and national competition. Agents who go that extra mile and provide outstanding levels of customer service are rewarded with our accolade, which acts as a beacon to highlight these attributes to their local marketplace.

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The British Property Awards are one of the most inclusive estate agency awards providers as we do not charge to enter. This has enabled our award to be structured in a manner that ensures maximum participation, on average judging over 90% of agents that meet our minimum criteria on a local level.

Our team personally mystery shops every estate agent against a set of 25 criteria to obtain a balanced overview of their customer service levels. The judging criteria is both comprehensive and detailed exploring different mediums, scenarios and time periods to ensure that agents have been rigorously and fairly judged.

Robert McLean from The British Property Awards said "Our awards has been specifically designed to be attainable to all agents, removing common barriers to entry, such as cost, to ensure that we have the most inclusive awards. Our award has also been designed to remove any opportunity for bias or manipulation. If an agent has been attributed with one of our awards, it is simply down to the fantastic customer service levels that they have demonstrated across a prolonged period of time. Winning agents should be proud that their customer service levels provide a benchmark for their local, regional and national competition"

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CANNOCK
MANOR AVENUE
NEW

- Spacious three bedroom detached
- Hallway, Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room, cloakroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Awaiting EPC rating

£242,000

HEATH HAYES
THE HEATH
NEW

- A modern one bedroom apartment
- Double glazed and electric heating
- Modern open plan lounge/kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- Double bedroom
- Allocated parking
- Ideal first time buy
- Ideal investment
- EPC rating B

£79,950

CANNOCK
ST AIDANS ROAD
NEW PRICE

- A two bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen/diner
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to front
- Corner plot
- Enclosed rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

£124,950

CANNOCK
RUMER HILL ROAD
NEW PRICE

- A spacious 3 bedroom detached
- Split level lounge/diner, Kitchen/diner
- Guest cloakroom, utility
- Sitting room and conservatory
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear, garage, driveway
- NO CHAIN
- Awaiting EPC rating

£240,000

HEATH HAYES
SALISBURY DRIVE
NEW PRICE

- A much improved 3 bedroom house
- Gas centra heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted modern bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage
- EPC rating C

£199,950

HEATH HAYES
PARTRIDGE CLOSE

- A modern two bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Two bedrooms
- Garden to rear
- Off road parking
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating C

£129,995

HEATH HAYES
FIRECREST CLOSE

- A spacious four bedroom detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen/diner, guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear, driveway
- Garage, awaiting EPC rating

£259,950

HEDNESFORD
CHAFFINCH CLOSE

- A two bedroom semi detached bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted shower room
- Conservatory, carport
- Garden to rear and side
- Driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

£169,950

GREAT WYRLEY
WHARWELL LANE

- An immaculatly presented 3 bedroom
- lounge/dining room
- Refitted modern kitchen, conservatory
- Contemporary styled bathroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Garage and driveway
- Viewing highly recommended
- EPC rating C

£259,995

NORTON CANES
HEDNESFORD ROAD

- A three bedroom detached
- Large plot of land
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Land to rear, stables
- Awaiting EPC rating

£199,950

RUGELEY
HAGLEY PARK GARDENS

- A two bedroom semi detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Family bathroom
- Two bedrooms
- Enclosed rear garden
- Driveway
- EPC rating C

£112,950

CANNOCK
BERWICK DRIVE

- A three bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating
- Lounge/diner
- Conservatory, kitchen
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Good sized rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

£139,950

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PROPERTY

Well-maintained semi-detached property with plenty of scope and potential for improvement

A spacious two/three-bedroomed semi-detached property in a popular area of Walsall Wood in Beechtree Road is for sale through Goodchilds at £160,000 with no chain.

This well-maintained property has plenty of scope and potential for improvement and comprises of an

WALSALL WOOD
£160,000

entrance hallway, a spacious lounge with a feature marble fireplace and patio doors to the rear garden, a kitchen with a separate dining area and a ground floor bedroom/ reception room. To the first floor are two double bedrooms and the main bathroom.

The property has a Worcester Bosch gas central heating boiler, double glazing, a driveway for two vehicles and a single garage.

Call 01543 226 655 or visit www.goodchilds-uk.com

Semi-detached family home on popular estate with local railway stations within close distance

A beautiful semi-detached property in Redbourn Road, Bloxwich, Walsall, lies on a popular estate for growing families, with local railway stations, travel routes and nearby amenities all within close distance.

It is for sale through loveyourpostcode.com at offers over £184,950.

The home, which has gas central heating and double glazing, has a magnificent frontage and a concrete driveway.

It has an entrance hallway with a ground floor WC and staircase off.

The main living room has a warm,

BLOXWICH
£184,950

neutral decor and is a good size, having a feature fireplace.

The kitchen/dining area has open plan living space including space for a table and chairs.

The first floor of the home has three bedrooms and a bathroom suite.

The first bedroom has a bay window overlooking the rear garden.

The second bedroom neighbours the first and is of similar size and décor, having feature wallpaper.

The third and final bedroom is ideal to house a single bed or bunk beds. The bathroom has a modern three-piece family bathroom suite in white.

The property has a single garage.

A 10-minute walk will give access to Bloxwich North railway station, walking to the bottom of Redbourn Road will provide a beautiful route past Isaac Walton Pool and the nearby public green.

Educational facilities are Walsall Academy and Little Bloxwich Church Of England Primary School, all accessible within a minute's drive.

Contact loveyourpostcode.com or call 0800 862 0870.

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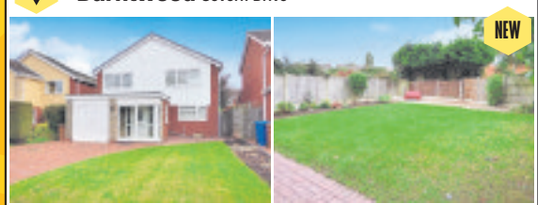
3 2 1 EPC TBA £189,950

Burntwood Severn Drive



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Cannock Lakeside Boulevard

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Brownhills Brownhills Road

3 2 1 EPC D £199,950

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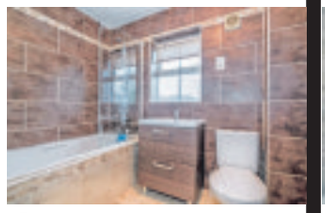
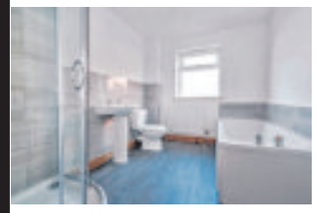


- Stunning Family Home
- Corner Plot
- Through Hallway
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Ensuites
- NO CHAIN

£300,000

NEW

HEATH HAYES
STAFFORD STREET



- Detached Home
- Hallway
- Lounge, WC
- Dining Room
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Double Detached Garage
- No Chain

£189,950

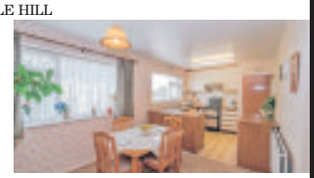
MIDDLEHILL BARNS
SHARESHILL

- Stunning Barn Conversion
- Views of open fields
- Spacious Kitchen/ Family Room
- Lounge Diner
- Guest W.C., Laundry Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Spacious Four Piece Bathroom
- Garage

£345,000

NEW

HEDNESFORD
PENDLE HILL

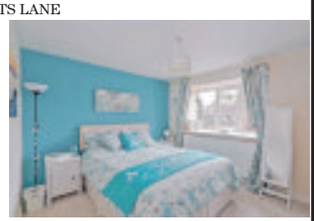
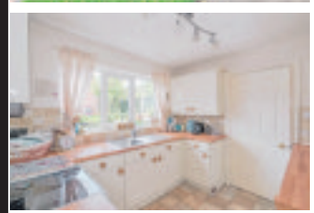


- Detached Family Home
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Garage
- NO CHAIN

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £180,000

REDUCED

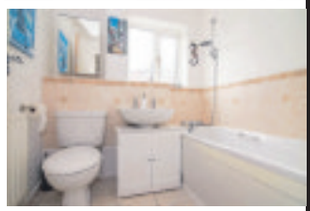
CHESLYN HAY
STREETS LANE

- Detached Home
- Sought after Location
- Hallway, WC
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage

249,950

HEDNESFORD
ST.THOMAS DRIVE



- 4 Bed Detached
- Close to Cannock
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility, WC
- En-Suite
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£240,000

NEW

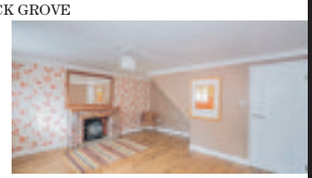
CANNOCK
CEMETERY ROAD

- Traditional Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- 3/4 Bedrooms
- Large Rear Garden
- Viewing Recommended

£125,000

NEW

HEATH HAYES
CHARLOCK GROVE



- Detached Family
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Kitchen, WC
- 3 Bedrooms
- Family Shower Room
- Private Driveway
- Integral Garage

£205,000

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CANNOCK
HOLLYOAK WAY

- MODERN THREE STOREY PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- MASTER HAVING EN-SUITE
- SPACIOUS LOUNGE
- KITCHEN DINER
- UTILITY AND GUEST WC
- STUDY
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN

£175,000

SHARESHILL
SPIRES CROFT

Mortgagees in possession are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £337,500.00 for 7 Spires Croft , Shareshill , Wolverhampton , Staffordshire WV10 7JH Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Webbs Estate Agents, 153 Avon rd , Cannock WS11 1LF 01543 468846 before exchange of contracts or within the next 7 days whichever is sooner.

CANNOCK
WOOTTONS COURT

- No chain ll
- Outstanding apartment fully refurbished
- Fantastic investment property achieving £500 pcm
- Two bedroom first floor apartment
- Spacious lounge
- Refitted kitchen and bathroom
- Allocated parking

£90,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
LANDYWOOD GREEN

- Modern Town House
- Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Allocated Parking
- No Chain

£159,950

HEATH HAYES
NEWLANDS COURT

- Detached Family Home
- Hallway
- Lounge, WC
- Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- 4 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- No Chain

£249,950

CANNOCK
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

- Town Centre Location
- Traditional Semi
- Lounge.
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- 3 Bedrooms

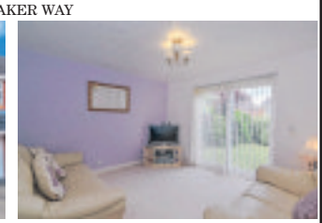
£149,995

CANNOCK
CLIFTON AVENUE

- Entrance Porch,
- Through Hallway,
- Spacious Lounge Diner.
- Kitchen,
- Guest WC,
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom

£149,950

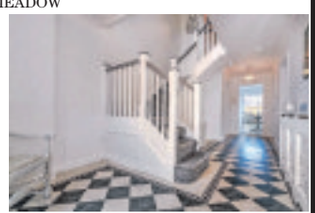
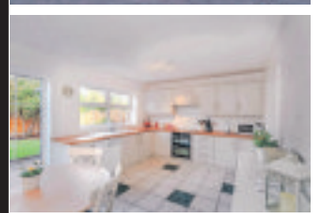
WIMBLEBURY
HAYMAKER WAY



- Detached Family Home
- Hall, WC
- Lounge, Kitchen
- En-Suite to Bed 1
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- No Chain
- Stamp Duty Paid
- Carpets, Curtains Included
- Viewing Essential

£228,995

CHESLYN HAY
POOL MEADOW

- Executive Detached Home
- Corner Plot
- Hall, Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Galleried Landing
- Double Garage

£385,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET

- Sought After Location
- Semi Detached
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Gardens

£165,000

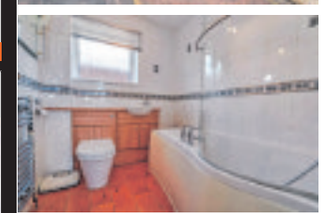
CANNOCK
WOOTTONS COURT

- Close to Cannock Town Centre
- Intercom System
- First Floor Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms

OFFERS OVER £80,000

REDUCED

CHESLYN HAY
SWAN CLOSE



- Extended Detached
- Kitchen, Utility
- Conservatory
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Driveway & Garage
- Viewing Recommended

OFFERS OVER £200,000

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RUGELEY

A rare opportunity to acquire an excellent two bedroom home / Stunning secluded location within the heart of Cannock Chase / Large plot stretching over approximately two acres

Offers in Excess of £500,000

Chester Road
RUGELEY

Outstanding executive detached family home / Large corner plot within a peaceful semi rural location / Delightful countryside views to the front / Originally a show home / Open plan family room ideal

£344,950

Wood Lane
CANNOCK

Impressive five bedroom detached dormer style house / Tastefully decorated throughout / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Large reception style conservatory / Detached garage / Drive for

£335,000

Daisy Bank
HEDNESFORD

Immaculately presented five bedroom detached house / Stunning ground floor extension to rear / Further kitchen space & generous living room with dining & sitting areas / Modern bathroom & en-suite

Offers in the Region Of £275,000

Asquith Drive
HEATH HAYES

Four bedroom detached house / Well established and sought after residential area / Spacious lounge and separate dining room / UPVC conservatory

£250,000

Bond Way
HEDNESFORD

Four bedroom detached house set within a quiet cul-de-sac / ●●●NO ONWARD CHAIN●●● / Driveway with parking for three-four vehicles / Large well appointed luxury bathroom

£230,000

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£300,000	£6,480	£2,860	£3,630
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Railway Street
NORTON CANES

Deceptively spacious and well presented three bedroom detached house / Undergone refurbishment / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Very spacious open plan lounge-diner ideal for entertaining / Large rear

£220,000

Holly Lane
GREAT WYRLEY

Well presented and superbly maintained four bedroom semi detached house / Extended to both front & rear / Useful loft conversion offering storage space / NO ONWARD CHAIN

£220,000

Eden Close
HEATH HAYES

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Set on good sized corner plot / Situated within quiet cul-de-sac location / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Off road parking for three vehicles

£210,000

Fisher Street
HEDNESFORD

Two bedroom semi detached bungalow / APPROVED PLANNING PERMISSION / Spacious lounge / Double bedrooms / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Driveway with ample parking

£195,000

Elizabeth Road
CANNOCK

Three bedroom detached house set on a modern development./ Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Modern fitted breakfast kitchen, bathroom, en-suite and guest w/c

£190,000

Woodland Drive
CHESLYN HAY

Outstanding three bedroom family home / Finished to high standard / Immaculately presented throughout / Superb contemporary open plan layout on ground floor / Newly refurbished bathroom

£175,000

Badgers Way
HEATH HAYES

Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Set in sought after area / Open plan ground layout from lounge to dining area / Private rear garden / Driveway with potential to convert lawn

£170,000

Levett Grange
RUGELEY

Three bedroom end terraced house / Sought after location / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Modern fitted kitchen, bathroom & guest w/c,

£160,000

Green Heath Road
HEDNESFORD

Well presented traditional three bedroom semi detached house / Set on large plot / Undergone refurbishment & features new carpets throughout / Newly fitted bathroom

Offers in Excess of £145,000

Belt Road
HEDNESFORD

Superbly maintained & well presented two bedroom semi detached house / ●●●●NO ONWARD CHAIN●●●● / Two car driveway / Large private rear garden / Modern fitted kitchen & shower room / Spacious

Offers in Excess of £140,000

Cross Street
CHESLYN HAY

Immaculately presented two bedroom duplex apartment / Delightful 19th century building / Sympathetically renovated and developed / Two allocated parking spaces and a large garage.

£137,500

Whitby Way
CANNOCK

Well presented two bedroom semi detached house / Set on large corner plot / With front, rear & side gardens / Spacious lounge & kitchen-diner / Modern fitted shower room & driveway

£130,000

Pheasant Way
HEATH HAYES

Modern sought after development / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Two double bedrooms / Spacious lounge-diner / Off road allocated parking

£120,000

Arden Close
RUGELEY

Three bedroom semi-detached house / NO ONWARD CHAIN & VACANT POSSESSION / Spacious lounge and kitchen-diner / Garage and driveway with parking for two-three vehicles

£120,000

Hobby Way
HEATH HAYES

Well presented two bedroom ground floor apartment / Modern fitted kitchen, bathroom & en-suite / Two double bedrooms / Off road allocated parking / NO ONWARD CHAIN

£118,000

Glovers Hill Court
BRERETON

Immaculately presented two bedroom top floor apartment / Superb open plan living area / Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom / Off road allocated parking and visitor spaces

Offers in Excess of £110,000

Sandpiper Close
HEDNESFORD

One bedroom ground floor maisonette / Quiet cul-de-sac / Modern fitted kitchen / Modern fitted kitchen / Allocated parking space

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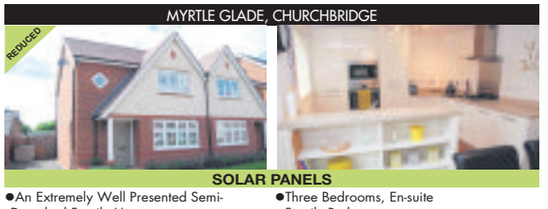

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Three-bedroom detached with conservatory and spacious lounge is near a choice of popular schools

This stunning three-bedroomed detached property in Princethorpe Road, Willenhall, is for sale through L&S Prestige Estates at offers over £215,000.

This briefly comprises of an entrance hall, a spacious lounge, dining/sitting room with French doors opening to the feature conservatory, a fitted kitchen and a guest WC. To the first floor are three bedrooms (with an en-suite to the master) and a family bathroom.

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The property also benefits from double glazing and gas central heating throughout.

Outside there is a small fore garden and off-road parking to the side, in front of the attached garage. To the rear is a beautifully maintained garden. The property is well situated for easy access to a wide range of local amenities, a choice of popular schools and excellent transport links.

A spokesman for the selling agent said: "This truly is a stunning family home which has been exceptionally well appointed and maintained by its current owners. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to undertake internal viewing."

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Well-equipped two-bedroomed bungalow in a secluded position on private drive has the space for a garage

A well-equipped two-bedroomed detached bungalow, 430 Littleworth Road, Hednesford, occupies a secluded position in a private drive.

Convenient for facilities at Hednesford, Heath Hayes and Cannock centres, it is for sale through Boot & Son at £164,950.

It has a side reception hall, a lounge, breakfast kitchen, two double bedrooms, a bathroom, gardens, a possible garage space,

HEDNESFORD
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gas central heating and double glazing.

In more detail the lounge has a sliding patio door and a feature porthole window.

The breakfast kitchen has an electric built-in oven, gas hob, oven hood, ceramic tiled floor and French doors to the rear garden. The bathroom has a white suite with chrome fittings.

There is space for the erection of a garage subject to planning permission being obtained. Incorporating an Indian sandstone paved terrace, the garden has block paviour pathways, lawns, and side paved/gated pedestrian access. At the front is a driveway which provides extensive off road parking.

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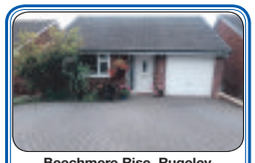

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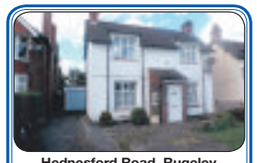

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Ian Steel gets the 1951 Tour of Britain Trophy from Vic Davies, MD of Viking Cycles

Bob Thom with his Viking Team in front of their Morris van

Ian Steel in the 1952 Tour of Britain with Viking's Stan Blair and Bob Thom

Ian Steel powering ahead racing for the Viking team

Wheels of Steel helped put city on cycling map

BEFORE Chris Froome and Bradley Wiggins, before even Wolverhampton's own Hugh Porter, British road racing had a Wolverhampton based cycling hero, Ian Steel, winner of the Peace Race in 1952, an event even more arduous than the Tour de France.

Ian rode for Wolverhampton's famous Viking Team, managed by Bob Thom, himself a British Road Race Champion.

In the period just after the War when Wolverhampton's Percy Stallard was leading a revolt against the National Cyclists Union (NCU), the governing body which was totally against road racing, and tried to sabotage all such events, Percy formed the British League of Racing Cyclists.

MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

Bob Thom was recruited to manage the local Viking team, and Ian Steel soon became its star.

He won the 1951 Daily Express Tour of Britain, in which the NCU had tried and failed to block foreign teams from competing.

Gruelling

In 1952 the BLRC entered a team, managed by Percy Stallard, in the Peace Race, 1,265 miles in 12 stages through Poland Germany and Czechoslovakia, the most gruelling amateur international stage race on the planet, usually dominated by Eastern Bloc riders.

Managed superbly by Stallard, the British team shepherded Ian Steel to victory by two minutes 35 seconds from Jan Vesely, the Czech double World champion.

The Union Cycliste Internationale were so impressed they awarded the BLRC associate membership, and ordered the horrified NCU to co-operate, and put British cycling road racing in order. Ian Steel's career was cut short when he was riding in the Tour de France in 1955 for the British team.

His chances were ruined by the orders given him by the team manager, who also managed a rival team to Viking, and tried to favour one of his own.

Ian was was so upset he quite the Tour the next day, and gave up race cycling altogether.

The Viking Team raced on, and Bob Thom, and his son, also named Bob, were coaches and managers of British road and cyclo-cross teams for many years to come.

Bob Thom on the cover of the Viking brochure

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Stand up is about instant gratification

He fancied doing something when he was planning his autumn tour for 2017. So Mark Watson decided to take the most contrary approach possible. He named his tour MW and only agreed to visit towns and cities where either the place or the venue began with one of those consonants. So while Mawnan Smith, Much Wenlock (double points – an M and a W) and Middle Wallop were in, Stafford, Lichfield and other non-MW towns were out.

The novel approach was intended not just to give Watson a talking point – and that, it surely does. It was also designed so that he'd visit off-the-beaten track towns – he's surely never played Westbury-on-Trym before – ahead of a return to a tried and tested path next year.

Happily, the Mac, at Birmingham, gave him the opportunity to visit the Second City and Mark will be in town on October 6.

He's enjoyed mixing it up and visiting new venues.

"It's hard to get round all the places you want to go to when you book a tour. No matter where you go, people will tell us we didn't go to the right place. So we were thinking of a way to whittle it down. As a joke, we had neon initials made of an M and a W.

"So the beginning of the joke was that we only played places that began with M or W. Gradually we started to gather places together and realised that there were enough to do a tour. It's quite a nice schedule of places I haven't been to before."

ALPHABET

MW will, therefore, ruminate on Mark's unique approach to touring. But fans can expect a little more than Watson's alphabet soup. And visiting new venues and new towns means he's more likely to improvise than if he's returning to favourite haunts.

"There's certain material I'll do and have confidence in. But it's much more challenging in a new town; it certainly puts you on your mettle. But that's no bad thing. It provides you with more of a chance to interact with the audience because you're learning on the spot."

Mark will dwell on the need for people to understand one another and empathy on his present tour. The material has gone down well and Mark's enjoying his time on the road, with shows through to February. Bigger things lie ahead.

"One of the reasons why I like the MW thing is that it's a rogue tour between bigger tours. If you do 80 or 90 shows, there are some bits, some chunks, that you get a little sick of. It's impossible not to. And I think the moment I feel that, the audience can tell because the freshness goes. So this set of shows are special because that can't happen.

"I like having enough of a script to never completely run out of material, but at the same time I will go off piste as often as I can, especially if there's interesting stuff in the audience. Sometimes I'll be asking the audience to write down things that I can mess around with. I tend to see it as a good thing if I can go off piste because I know I can get it back. As I get more experienced, I get better at steering the show.

"Years ago I did an interview with Eddie Izzard when I was doing work experience as a young 'un. He talked about a gig being like a motorway journey, you can go straight on but it's more interesting to go off on the little side roads. As long as you take it from one place to another, in between you can do as you like."

Mark is a happy tourer. He used to be ruthless about getting home after a show but these days he likes to hang out. He'll enjoy visiting new towns or dropping by to visit relatives if he's in their neck of the woods. And if there's a little downtime before a show, he can always turn his hand to writing. The Celebrity Island contestant is an accomplished wordsmith who has written six novels. He believes comedy and writing go hand in hand.

If all I did was write books I'd be bored – I like doing both

"Both are about having ideas. I tend to use the novels to explore ideas in more depth and do stuff I wouldn't normally do on stage. Quite a lot of novels or books are just an extension of what people do in real life. They're different to the shows. Logistically, it's quite difficult to do both because of the time they take. So I do a lot of writing on the road because otherwise it would be difficult to fit everything in. It's sort of in my blood to be doing it. It's natural to me to be doing that.

"Stand-up is about adrenalin and instant gratification. The audience is there and they laugh right away. But book writing gives you a much longer sense of fulfilment. They work well together. If all I did was write books, I'd be bored. If I just did stand up, it would be too frenetic. So I'm happy doing both."

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London band Flyte

Take Flyte with rising stars of the music scene

One of the UK's best new bands are coming to Wolverhampton and Birmingham on tour to promote their brilliant debut album.

Flyte are a pop/rock quartet formed in London with a sound that straddles indie cool and commercial catchiness. Think Blossoms meet Alt-J with hints of Fleet Foxes, Bastille, The Feeling and Dodgy.

The album The Loved Ones is carefully constructed to emphasise the harmonies of the Hackney outfit, who were friends before they were band mates.

Three of the group, Will Taylor (guitarist/lead singer), Jon Supran (drums) and Nick Hill (bass) met at school and later met Sam Berridge (keyboard) when he was busking at Tottenham Court Road. "The Loved Ones is for the thoughtful listener. Like a book you can open and read from start to finish. An album you would listen to on headphones on the bus to school, that is yours and no one else's," says lead singer Will.

Catch them on the way up at Newhampton Arts Centre in Wolverhampton on Wednesday (September 27) or at Birmingham's O2 Academy 3 on October 10.

Other gigs to look out for – rocker Deborah Bonham is at the Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton tomorrow night (Friday), the same night Big Country with singer Simon Hough play the Robin 2 in Bilston. Nik Kershaw headlines in Bilston on Saturday. Then Nashville country/blues singer Stacie Collins brings her band to the Robin 2 on Monday and funky US rockers Living Colour on Wednesday. Suzanne Vega is at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Tuesday.

Animal magic in a ballet favourite

Birmingham Royal Ballet make a magical return home with an autumn season including a spectacular production of Aladdin and the ever-popular 'Still Life' at the Penguin Café.

First on the agenda at the Birmingham Hippodrome is a programme of three short ballets, from September 27 to 30. The triple bill includes Kenneth MacMillan's Concerto. Set to Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No.2, MacMillan's vigorous choreography conveys the infectious joy of dancing.

A colourful host of endangered animals seek shelter from the storm at the Penguin Café. Featuring a Morris dancing flea, a ballroom-dancing ram, a woolly monkey and more, 'Still Life' at the Penguin Café is a witty and poignant look at man's effect on the natural world.

The evening is completed by MacMillan's playful Elite Syncopations, where a host of characters flirt, dance and vie for the limelight, accompanied by Scott Joplin's ragtime piano music.

Then, next month, step onto a magic carpet and soar into the fantastical world of David Bintley's Aladdin, with music by BAFTA award-winning Carl Davis and vibrant designs from Dick Bird. The classic story of Aladdin and his adventures with a magic lamp is brought to life in this glittering production, featuring lavish sets and costumes, stunning special effects and beautiful choreography. Magic abounds when the Djinn of the Lamp appears, from dancing jewels to a larger than life Chinese lion.

Aladdin promises a dazzling spectacle for the whole family to enjoy and will feature live music from the Royal Ballet Sinfonia. It is being staged from October 3 to 7.

Milton is keen to raise a laugh

Comedian Milton Jones is heading for the Black Country. The guy with the loud shirts and messy hair from Mock the Week, Live at the Apollo and Radio 4 brings his new show – Milton Is Out There – to Dudley Town Hall next Friday, September 29. Jones has won rave reviews for his inspired puns, absurdist one-liners and hilarious flights of fancy. Tickets are £26. See www.boroughhalls.co.uk or call (01384) 812812. He is also at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on November 4.

Talented teens will hip hop to an Oz groove

Teenagers from Sandwell and Wolverhampton have joined forces with a professional dance company to put on a hip hop dance show in Birmingham.

Pupils spent three weeks with the London-based ZooNation Dance company rehearsing a unique take on The Wizard of Oz.

Groove On Down the Road has already been staged in Wolverhampton and from Wednesday to Friday (September 27-29) is being performed at the Patrick Centre at Birmingham Hippodrome.

The show features 25 teenagers from St Matthias, Coppice Performing Arts, Our Lady and St Chad's schools in Wolverhampton and Shirelands Academy in Sandwell.

The show is staged 7.45pm nightly, see website birminghamhippodrome.com for tickets.

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SATURDAY'S TV SEPTEMBER 23

CHOICE

Tess Daly

Strictly Come Dancing (BBC1, 6.25pm)

The pro-celebrity dance contest makes its grand return to screens, two weeks after a special introductory programme announced the dancer partnerships, and paid tribute to the show's late presenter Bruce Forsyth. Now though, the competition is ready to get under way, as incoming judge 'Queen of Latin' Shirley Ballas and her fellow panellists Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell get their first taste of what the dancing duos are capable of achieving. None of the 15 stars taking to the dance floor this weekend will be exiting this week, though. Instead, their scores will carry over to next weekend, when viewers get a chance to vote for their favourite couples.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Cycling: Road World Championships. Live coverage of the women's elite road race in Bergen, Norway. **4.00** Final Score. **5.15** BBC News. **5.25** Regional Programme. **5.35** Pointless Celebrities. Liz Pichon, Pam Ayres, Quentin Letts, Yasmin Alibhai-Brown, Jill Mansell, Jimmy McGovern and Mark Watson take part in a celebrity writer-themed edition of the unorthodox quiz.

6.25 Strictly Come Dancing. The pro-celebrity dance contest returns, as judges Shirley Ballas, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell get a taste of what the dancing duos are capable of.

8.45 Casualty. Iain is stunned when former registrar Samantha Nicholls shows up the ambulance station ready for her first day as a paramedic. The pair struggle to adjust to their new working relationship, any questions Iain has are put out of mind when he and his new partner are called to rescue a shifty woman from a car crash. Meanwhile, back at the ED, Alicia decides to play matchmaker for Jacob and Elle as they work together to care for fun-loving elderly couple Iona and Margie.

9.35 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes fears her family is planning to send her to a nursing home, when in fact it is Spartacus the dog who is set to be sent away. (R)

10.05 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.25 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including West Ham United v Tottenham Hotspur and Southampton v Manchester United.

11.55 People Just Do Nothing. Miche and Grindah's wedding day arrives, and while the bride longs for a fairytale ceremony, the groom is more excited about Kurupt FM's first-ever daytime rave. Last in the series.

12.25 Film: Hollywood Homicide. (2003) Two cops dream of escaping their jobs until their skills are challenged by the baffling case of a rapper murdered on stage. Action comedy, starring Harrison Ford. **2.15** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 The NFL Show. (R) **6.45** How We Won the War. (R) **7.15 Film:** African Cats. (2011) **8.45 Film:** Kitty Foyle. (1940) **10.30** Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo. (R) **11.00** Coast. (R) **12.00** Rick Stein's Long Weekends. (R) **1.00** Cheetahs – Growing Up Fast. (R) **2.00** Flog It! **2.30** Mastermind. (R) **3.00** University Challenge. (R) **3.30** Only Connect. (R) **4.00** Cycling: Road World Championships. Concluding live coverage of the women's elite road race in Bergen, Norway. **5.30** Gardeners' World. (R)

6.30 The Big Family Cooking Showdown. Culinary competition hosted by Zoe Ball and Nadiya Hussain in which two families face a series of challenges based on the realities of everyday meals. (R)

7.30 Front Row. New series. Radio 4's long-running review show makes the leap to TV screens, as Giles Coren is joined by Nihal Arthanayake and Viv Groskop to explore the arts world this week.

8.00 Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands. Paul Murton returns to explore more of the remote and fascinating places that lie off the mainland, beginning by visiting Berneray, Grimsay, Kirkibost and Pabbay. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. Jones's reputation is called into question by an old comrade's allegations about his conduct at the Battle of Omdurman in Sudan. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and Clive Dunn. (R)

9.00 Later – with Jools Holland 25th Birthday Show. The BBC's flagship live music show returns for a special edition marking the programme's 25th anniversary. On the bill this evening are chart-topping US rockers Foo Fighters, who made their debut Later appearance back in 1997. Paul Weller, who first took to the stage for the show back in 1993, performs an acoustic set, and Dizzee Rascal brings some of his most popular tracks, alongside one from his new album Raskit. Also stepping up to the microphone this evening are singer-songwriters Van Morrison and KT Tunstall, American jazz vocalist Gregory Porter, chanteuse Camille, and Mali-based ensemble Songhoy Blues.

11.00 Film: Brighton Rock. (2010)

12.45 Film: The Stepford Wives. (2004) **2.10** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Oddbods. (R) **7.20** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Fangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Star Wars: The Yoda Chronicles. (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Saturday Morning with James Martin. **11.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** Midsomer Murders. (R) **2.25** The Chase. (R) **3.25** The X Factor. (R) **4.25** Little Big Shots. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.40** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Cannonball. Andrew Flintoff hosts the action-packed game show, in which contestants tackle a series of water-based, obstacle course challenges in the hope of claiming the Cannonball Cup.

7.00 The Family Chase. Bradley Walsh challenges the Ghandis from London to pit their general-knowledge know-how against that of the show's professional quizzers.

8.00 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary hosts the final weekend of auditions, as the judges' nationwide talent-seeking tour draws close to its conclusion. As always, expect to see a wide variety of talent, from the sublime to the absurd, as Simon Cowell, Sharon Osbourne, Nicole Scherzinger and Louis Walsh deliver their verdicts to the latest batch of would-be stars seeking a moment in the spotlight.

9.15 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host welcomes another selection of celebrity guests to take a seat on his sofa, as he embarks on another round of no-holds-barred questioning. This time, Hollywood comedy actor, writer and producer Mel Brooks visits the studio, along with three-time Formula 1 world champion Lewis Hamilton, and the newly married Russell Brand.

10.20 ITV News; Weather.

10.35 Film: Nutty Professor II: The Klumps. (2000) Comedy sequel, with Eddie Murphy and Janet Jackson.

12.30 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Triathlon: Ironman Wales. **6.25** Mobil 1 The Grid. **6.55** Motor Sport: Caterham. **7.20** Motor Sport: British Rally Championship. **7.45** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.35** Frasier. (R) **9.05** Frasier. (R) **9.35** The Big Bang Theory. **10.05** The Big Bang Theory. **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. **10.55** The Simpsons. (R) **11.25** The Simpsons. (R) **11.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.30** Homes by the Sea. (R) **3.35** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.35** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **5.35** Location, Location, Location. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson. New series. The Time Team veteran returns to tell the stories of trackways that have been in use in Britain for more than 5,000 years. Having previously travelled the length of the Icknield Way, the Ridgeway and the North Downs Way, he now tackles an ancient route in Dartmoor, taking in what was reputed to be a bottomless lake, and encountering a four-legged beast.

8.00 WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails. Monty Halls continues to highlight the stories of Allied soldiers who managed to escape from Nazi-occupied territories during the Second World War. This time, he turns his attention to the tale of Len Harley, the British POW who liberated himself from an internment camp in Italy. Retracing the soldier's steps takes Monty through the perilous Majella mountains, which Harley traversed in deep winter while being hunted by German soldiers. Plus, the man himself – now 98 – is reunited with Rosina Spinosa, one of the people who offered him shelter during his ordeal.

9.00 Film: Cowboys & Aliens. (2011) Premiere. Sci-fi Western, with Daniel Craig, Harrison Ford, Olivia Wilde and Sam Rockwell.

11.20 Film: Survivor. (2015) A US embassy official based in London goes on the run after being framed for a terrorist bombing. Thriller, starring Milla Jovovich.

1.05 Speed with Guy Martin. (R) **2.25** Hollyoaks. **4.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.25** Too Many Cooks. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.40** Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **11.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **4.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **5.00** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)

6.00 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. The story of a Preston couple who retaliated against their neighbours for playing loud music, only to regret it when they came home to find their locks glued and their van scratched. Determined to find the truth they installed CCTV – and before long, tensions boiled over. Plus, a woman and her son whose hopes of a fresh start were ruined when their neighbours complained about their beloved pet dog, and how life in a Bournemouth retirement complex was threatened by an abusive new arrival who assaulted two fellow residents. (R)

7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Agents in central London to try and recover almost £1,900 owed in parking fines, while officers Stewart and Vic chase over £2,200 owed by a scrap yard owner. (R)

8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Steve and Ben visit a tenant who owes £14,000 in unpaid rent, while Brian and Del chase a debt of over £10,000 owed to a van rental business for damaged vehicles. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, including Derby County v Birmingham City, Sunderland v Cardiff City, and Aston Villa v Nottingham Forest.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Fleetwood Town v Southend United, and Colchester United v Wycombe Wanderers.

10.30 NCIS: Los Angeles Movie – Race Again.

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Gotham. **4.50** Divine Designs. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.45** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 The Incredible Human Journey **8.00** Wild China **9.00** Black Lake **10.30** James May: The Reassembler **11.00** Top of the Pops: 1984 **12.00** Fleetwood Mac – Don't Stop **1.00** Bright Lights, Brilliant Minds: A Tale of Three Cities **2.00** Wild China **3.00** Close

ITV2

12.00 The X Factor **1.05** Take Me Out **2.20** You've Been Framed! Gold **3.20 Film:** Babe (1995) **4.20** FYI Daily **4.25 Film:** Babe (1995) **5.10 Film:** The Smurfs (2011) **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15 Film:** The Smurfs (2011) **7.15 Film:** Gravity (2013) **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20 Film:** Gravity (2013) **9.00 Film:** 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003) **11.15** Family Guy **12.45** American Dad! **1.10** Celebrity Juice **1.55** Bromans **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.00 Film: Columbo: Playback (1975) **12.35** Agatha Christie's Marple **2.35** Foyle's War **7.00** Midsomer Murders **11.05** Sherlock Holmes: The Last Vampyre **1.10** On the Buses **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.00 Fishing Allstars **12.00** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Ayr. Coverage of today's race meetings at Ayr and Newbury. **4.20** World Cup Rivalries: Brazil v Italy **4.35 Film:** Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) **5.35** FYI Daily **5.40 Film:** Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) **6.45** Hornblower **9.00 Film:** Executive Decision (1996) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** Executive Decision (1996) **11.40 Film:** Don't Say a Word (2001) **12.40** FYI Daily **12.45 Film:** Don't Say a Word (2001) **2.00** The Classic Car Show **2.45** Snooker v Darts **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.10 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **12.30** The Goldbergs **3.00** Don't Tell the Bride **4.00** The Great British Bake Off **5.15** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Priest (2011) **10.50** Naked Attraction **11.55** Celebs Go Dating **3.00** First Dates **3.55** How I Met Your Mother **4.40** Rude(ish) Tube

Film4

11.00 The Rugrats Movie (1999) **1.00** Johnny English Reborn (2011) **3.05** A Monster in Paris (2011) **4.50** The Poseidon Adventure (1972) **7.15** Airplane II: The Sequel (1982) **9.00** Speed (1994) **11.15** The Mechanic (2011) **1.05** V/H/S/2 (2013) **3.05** Close

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SUNDAY'S TV SEPTEMBER 24

CHOICE

Benedict Cumberbatch

The Child in Time (BBC1, 9pm)

The life of Stephen Lewis, a successful children's author, falls into tatters when his only child - four-year-old Kate - disappears in a supermarket. Torn apart by the scale of their loss, Stephen and his wife Julie end up going their separate ways, and three years later, a distraught Stephen still finds himself conducting daily, futile seaches for his missing daughter, haunted by the horrifying moment that ruined his small family unit. As both Stephen and Julie struggle independently to deal with their all-consuming grief, the passage of time brings a promise of hope for the future. Drama, based on Ian McEwan's Whitbread Prize-winning novel of the same name, starring Benedict Cumberbatch.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Points of View. **4.00** Songs of Praise. **4.35** How to Stay Young. (R) **5.35** Invictus Games 2017. Ade Adepitan and Daraine Mulvihill present action from day one of the staging of the multi-sport event for injured or sick armed forces personnel and veterans from Toronto, Canada, featuring athletics from York Lions Stadium, with reports from Stef Reid. Plus, highlights of the opening ceremony, which featured contributions from Prince Harry and Mike Myers.

6.35 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. Leading competitive shepherds from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales gather at Hampstead Heath for Countryfile's 2017 One Man and His Dog contest. Bringing a traditional country contest to the heart of the British capital, Matt Baker and Charlotte Smith preside over proceedings, which will see sheep grazing on the Heath for the first time in 60 years.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The team values more decorative objects and rarities.

9.00 The Child in Time. Drama, starring Benedict Cumberbatch, telling the story of a couple whose marriage is torn apart by the loss of a child. Based on Ian McEwan's Whitbread Prize-winning novel.

10.30 BBC News.

10.50 Regional Programme.

11.00 Have I Got Old News for You. Mel Giedroyc hosts this edition of the comedy news quiz from May 2013, with regulars Paul Merton and Ian Hislop joined by guest panellists Ross Noble and the Rev Richard Coles. (R)

11.30 The Women's Football Show. A look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level.

12.10 NFL Highlights – Jacksonville Jaguars v Baltimore Ravens. Caroline Barker presents highlights of the match from the third round of fixtures. **1.10** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.05** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.05** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites – Sunday Edition. **11.00** Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking. (R) **11.30** My Life on a Plate. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Cycling: Road World Championships. Live coverage of the men's elite road race in Bergen, Norway. **4.30** The Wonder of Animals. (R) **5.00** Flog It! (R)

6.00 Tribes, Predators & Me. Gordon Buchanan travels around the world, learning traditional hunting methods from members of tribal cultures and joining them in pursuing dangerous predators. (R)

7.00 Top Gear. Matt LeBlanc and Chris Harris go on a road trip across the US in convertible supercars, a journey that takes them from deserts to snow-capped mountains. Back at the test track, David Tennant is the Star in a Reasonably Fast Car, while Rory Reid comes up with a series of challenges to put the Alfa Romeo Giulia through its paces. (R)

8.00 Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes? The last remaining candidates are put through a series of challenges to determine who will go through to the final stage. A survival test and a 30-metre abseil put their leadership abilities under scrutiny, before they face a series of gruelling interviews by two guest experts. Those who are chosen to continue head to Florida's Kennedy Space Centre, for a spacewalk training session in an underwater lab.

9.00 Dragons' Den. The panel considers the profit-making potential of a space age business venture, an African-inspired range of skincare products, and an online pub quiz app.

10.00 Live at the Apollo. Glaswegian comedian Frankie Boyle takes to the stage at London's Hammersmith Apollo, and introduces rising stars Jack Carroll and Holly Walsh. (R)

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Brighton & Hove Albion v Newcastle United at the AMEX Stadium.

11.15 Film: Boyz N the Hood. (1991)

1.00 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **2.00** Holby City. (R) **3.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Oddbods. (R) **7.20** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Ben 10. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** James Martin's French Adventure. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Amazing Animal Births. (R) **11.30** Robson Green's Coastal Lives. (R) **12.00** Bigheads. (R) **1.00** ITV News; Weather. **1.10** The Chase. (R) **2.10** The X Factor. (R) **3.25 Film:** Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang. (2010) **5.35** Victoria. (R)

6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.40 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Matt Le Tissier, Andrea McLean and Steve Pemberton brush up their general knowledge.

8.00 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary presents the final selection of room auditions, as Sharon Osbourne, Nicole Scherzinger, Louis Walsh and Simon Cowell reach the last stop on their talent-hunt.

9.00 Victoria. The young monarch decides it is time to try her hand at foreign relations, as she and an entourage of servants and fellow royals set sail for France. King Louis Philippe has arranged for his son to marry the Queen of Spain, and diplomats in London have grown concerned that this could be the basis of a dangerous new alliance. However, on arriving at Louis Philippe's court, Victoria realises she will need to keep her wits about her if she is to have any hope of getting her wily French counterpart to take her seriously. Worse still, the young queen finds herself tackling this challenge alone, as Albert remains troubled by the revelations about his parentage, and is horrified into silence by the apparent decadence of the French court.

10.05 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Peston on Sunday. (R)

11.20 Liar. (R)

12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.20 Last Man Standing. **6.45** Last Man Standing. **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30 Film:** Hulk. (2003) Comic-book adventure, starring Eric Bana. **4.10** The Crystal Maze. (R) **5.10** The Great British Bake Off. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Escape to the Chateau. New series. Dick and Angel Strawbridge continue renovation work on their £280,000 chateau in France, and despite two-and-a-half years of attention, lots of problems remain.

8.00 Egypt's Great Pyramid: The New Evidence. Documentary shedding light on how a discovery made at the foot of Egypt's Great Pyramid might explain the role ships and water played in the construction of these ancient monuments.

9.00 Electric Dreams: Impossible Planet. The sci-fi anthology series continues with an adaptation of Philip K Dick's tale Impossible Planet, brought to the small screen by David Farr. Norton, a tour guide working on board an intergalactic cruise ship, believes his life is meaningless until he meets Irma. This supernaturally old passenger longs to go to Earth, a planet that has long since been destroyed. The ancient Irma offers a handsome paycheck to anyone who is willing to take her back to humanity's dead home-world, an opportunity that Norton's colleague Andrews is quick to exploit. However, as the pair begin their scam, Norton develops an unlikely bond with Irma, one that seems almost as impossible as the planet they are seeking. Starring Jack Reynor, Benedict Wong and Geraldine Chaplin.

10.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words-and-numbers quiz, with Jon Richardson and Cariad Lloyd taking on guest captain Alan Carr and Kevin Bridges. (R)

11.05 Film: The Grand Budapest Hotel. (2014) Wes Anderson's comedy drama, with Ralph Fiennes.

1.00 The Supervet. (R) **1.55** Location, Location, Location. (R) **2.50** Grand Designs Australia. **3.45** Gillette World Sport. **4.15** KOTV Boxing Weekly.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Poppy Cat. **6.10** Little Princess. (R) **6.25** Mr Men. (R) **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.55** Wissper. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.30** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.40** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.10** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.35** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Floogals. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.30** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.40** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00 Film:** Annie. (2014) **2.00** 5 News Update. **2.05 Film:** Annie. (2014) **3.15** Worst Weather Ever? (R) **4.10** Inside the Mega Twister. (R) **5.10** Killer Landslides. (R)

6.10 Sinkholes: Buried Alive. The underlying forces behind sinkholes, which can occur gradually – when the surface subsides into bowl-shaped depressions – or suddenly, when the ground gives away. (R)

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v West Indies. Action from the third one-day international in the five-match series, which took place at The Brightside Ground in Bristol.

8.00 Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights. Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman introduce action from the fourth round of matches, including Bath v Newcastle Falcons, Saracens v Sale Sharks, and Exeter Chiefs v Wasps.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Film: Olympus Has Fallen. (2013) A disgraced secret service agent tries to redeem himself when terrorists take control of the White House. Action thriller, starring Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart and Morgan Freeman.

10.05 5 News Update.

10.10 Film: Olympus Has Fallen. (2013) Action thriller, starring Gerard Butler.

11.15 Film: Enter the Dragon. (1973) A former Shaolin monk recruited as a secret agent enters a kung fu contest in a bid to expose a drug ring. Martial arts thriller, starring Bruce Lee and Jim Kelly.

1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Gotham. (R) **4.00** My Mum's Hotter Than Me! (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Britain Beneath Your Feet **9.00** Listen to Britain 2017 **11.15** When Albums Ruled the World **12.45** Precision: The Measure of All Things **1.45** Treasures of the Louvre **3.15** Close

ITV2

11.10 2Awesome: Third Wheel **11.35** The X Factor **12.50** Take Me Out **2.05** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.35 Film:** Evan Almighty (2007) **3.35** FYI Daily **3.40 Film:** Evan Almighty (2007) **4.40 Film:** The Smurfs 2 (2013) **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45 Film:** The Smurfs 2 (2013) **6.45 Film:** The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **7.45** FYI Daily **7.50 Film:** The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **10.00** Family Guy **11.25** American Dad! **12.50** Through the Keyhole **1.55** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3

12.25 Film: Death on the Nile (1978) **1.25** FYI Daily **1.30 Film:** Death on the Nile (1978) **3.15 Film:** Columbo: A Case of Immunity (1975) **4.45** Wycliffe **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **10.00** By Royal Appointment **11.00** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes **1.15** The Knock **3.10** Mr Selfridge **4.00** Griff's Great Britain **4.50** Judge Judy **5.10** On the Buses **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

3.15 Film: The Dam Busters (1954) **4.20** FYI Daily **4.25 Film:** The Dam Busters (1954) **5.55** River Monsters **7.00** Fishing Allstars **8.00** The Chase Celebrity Special **9.00 Film:** Falling Down (1993) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** Falling Down (1993) **11.20** Car Crash Global **12.20 Film:** Don't Say a Word (2001) **1.25** FYI Daily **1.30 Film:** Don't Say a Word (2001) **2.35** The Car Chasers **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 Don't Tell the Bride **12.00** My Hotter Half **1.05** The Goldbergs **2.40 Film:** Cheaper By the Dozen (2003) **4.35** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Volcano (1997) **10.00** Naked Attraction **11.05** Gogglebox **12.10** Celebs Go Dating **2.20** Don't Tell the Bride **3.10** Rude Tube **3.35** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 My Darling Clementine (1946) **1.00** Fletch (1985) **3.00** The Four Musketeers (1974) **5.05** The Two Faces of January (2014) **6.55** Life or Something Like It (2002) **9.00** Red (2010) Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis. **11.15** The Ladykillers (2004) Comedy remake, starring Tom Hanks. **1.25** Extract (2010) **3.20** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
The Last Stand, Channel 5, 11.05pm
Disgraced narcotics cop Ray Owens retires into a quiet life as sheriff of a small town on the Mexican border. He gets the chance to prove his worth as a law enforcer when a drug lord escapes from prison and tries to flee the country – with his escape route taking him through Ray's jurisdiction. Action thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, Johnny Knoxville and Forest Whitaker. (2013)

TUESDAY
Unwanted Guest, Channel 5, 3.20pm
With nowhere to go for winter break, Amy is invited to spend time with her friend Christine's family. What begins as a nice bonding experience soon turns into a nightmare as Amy begins to lash out at her welcoming hosts. Thriller, starring Kate Mansi and Valentina Novakovic. (2016)

Up in the Air, Friday, BBC1, 11.55pm

WEDNESDAY
Hidden Truth: Lies Will Surface, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A young woman is forced to prove her brother's innocence after a teenage girl is found murdered in a California town. But she discovers a disturbing dark side to the community, and the hidden identity of the killer. Thriller, starring Shawn Christian. (2016)

THURSDAY
A Mother Betrayed, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Five years after her husband is run off the road and killed by a mysterious driver, the head of a prosperous architectural firm decides to remarry. However, she's unaware that her new spouse has a devious plan to steal her daughter, her sanity and even her life. Psychological thriller, starring Lynn Collins. (2015)

FRIDAY
Up in the Air, BBC1, 11.55pm
A corporate downsizing expert loves his life, detached from everyday existence and striving to achieve a personal goal of 10 million accumulated air miles. However, his lifestyle comes under threat by an up-and-coming executive with a revolutionary approach that would make his role all but obsolete. Comedy drama, starring George Clooney, Vera Farmiga and Anna Kendrick. (2009)

PICK OF THE WEEK

Series is proving to be as safe as houses with Jack

From Escape to the Country to Relocation, Relocation, Relocation, there have been plenty of property programmes featuring people who want to escape the rat race and find their own rural retreat.

However, some more cynical viewers may have wondered whether a follow-up programme would show that the house hunters were now blissfully happy with their decision and fully immersed in the local community, or if they've found that moving from a bustling city to the middle of nowhere was more of a culture shock than they initially expected.

If it's the latter, then at least ITV has got the ideal sitcom for them in the form of Bad Move, which started last week. Starring Jack Dee, who also co-wrote the series with Pete Sinclair, it follows husband-and-wife Steve (Dee) and Nicky (Kerry Godliman). The couple, who are both on their second marriages, have been seduced by relocation programmes and glossy lifestyle magazines into thinking they want to live the simple life, away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Unfortunately, as anyone who saw the first episode will know, it doesn't take them long to realise that the reality didn't quite live up to their expectations. They may now have beautiful surroundings, but their home is also situated in what the locals refer to as 'the Dip', an area devoid of internet signals. And as Steve is a website designer, that's a major drawback.

Sadly, thanks to the estate agents, builders and architects, the couple can't afford to simply sell up and move back to Leeds, especially as that would mean admitting the friends who told them they were making a mistake were right.

So, it looks like the couple will just have to put a brave face on it, although even that might be a bit of a stretch. After all, a lot of people would be wrongfooted by a sitcom where the famously deadpan Dee played someone happy with his lot. His previous sitcom Lead Balloon, centred on a misanthropic stand-up comedian and it looks like Simon isn't going to be much of a sunny optimist either.

Dee says: "Bad Move is a comedy about the grass always being greener on the other side of the fence – until you jump over the fence and realise it's an algae-covered stagnant pond of sludge."

This week, Steve and Nicky have even more reason to be despondent as they discover that while the internet can't reach them, the floodwaters can, and their kitchen is now under water.

Nicky's dad Ken (Philip Jackson) arrives with a pump and a disapproving expression, but Steve is starting to think the flood could actually be the answer to their problems…

However, Nicky takes a more practical approach to tackling their financial situation, as she decides to earn some cash as a dog walker. But when local rock star Grizzo (Seann Walsh) turns up with some alarming news, it looks like her new job is already at risk.

Jack Dee and Kerry Godliman star in Bad Move, Wednesday, ITV, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
The Undateables
Channel 4, 9pm
The dating hopefuls include 24-year-old autistic film fanatic Sam, who hopes his collection of 44 bottles of aftershave might help find him a lady. Twenty-23-year-old Katy, a careworker from Gloucester, has Tourette's syndrome, has been single for a year and is eager to find love, while robotics engineer Donovan, who has brittle bones, is the last one in his group of friends to settle down, and feels at 4' 10 that his height is hindering his chances of finding the love of his life.

TUESDAY
Later Live - with Jools Holland
BBC2, 10pm
The pianist launches the 51st series with Liam Gallagher and his band. They perform songs from his solo album, As You Were. North Londoner Benjamin Clementine promotes tracks from his new LP, I Tell A Fly, and Walsall act Jorja Smith performs new track On My Mind. The reformed LCD Soundsystem deliver tunes from their fourth album American Dream, and New Zealand singer-songwriter Nadia Reid sings a tune from her album, Preservation. Plus, lyricist Jimmy Webb discusses his new memoir, The Cake and the Rain.

WEDNESDAY
The Pact
BBC2, 10pm
When they were teenagers, friends Amy and Andy made a pact that if they were both still single at the age of 35, they would marry each other. Twenty years later, Andy is now divorced with a four-year-old son and in a new relationship, and Amy lives in a flat-share, works behind a bar and has never been in a serious relationship. When the pair cross paths in a chance meeting, they are forced to face up to their pasts, and reconsider their futures. Comedy drama, starring Sarah Solemani and Brett Goldstein.

National Lottery Awards 2017
BBC1, 10.45pm
Lottery players raise £30 million each week for projects that make a difference to people, places and communities all across the UK. Now in their 15th year, the National Lottery Awards recognise the incredible impact of these Lottery-funded initiatives and this annual ceremony is a great way of celebrating the unsung heroes who have improved people's lives. There are seven categories, reflecting the different types of projects to benefit from the funding: Art, Education, Environment, Health, Heritage, Sport and Voluntary/Charity. Making his debut as host of the star-studded event is BBC Breakfast sports presenter Ore Oduba, who is perhaps better known these days as the reigning Strictly Come Dancing champion.

Later Live – with Jools Holland, Tuesday, BBC2, 10pm

THURSDAY
Russia with Simon Reeve
BBC2, 9pm
The natural successor to the always affable Michael Palin, Simon Reeve is back on his travels once again. This time (as you've probably already guessed of you've looked at the title) he's off to Russia, a fitting destination as the 100th anniversary of the country's revolution takes place this November. He begins his three-part exploration in the far east, from the rugged snow covered mountains of Kamchatka to Yakutia, the coldest inhabited region in the world. The only people making a living in temperatures that can drop as low as -30C are reindeer herders, but their traditional way of life is threatened by climate change. Reeve also explores China's growing influence on the region.

FRIDAY
Britain by Bike with Larry & George Lamb
Channel 5, 8pm
Following in the recent footsteps of Jack Whitehall and Russell Howard, George Lamb is the latest TV personality to take his parent along for a jolly. His dad, of course, is former EastEnders star Larry, and the father-and-son duo are taking to two wheels to explore Britain's National Parks from the saddle. Tonight they begin in the Yorkshire Dales where they meet a sheepdog trainer and wind their way to Malham Cove, a limestone cliff that is considered the jewel in the Dales' crown. Next, they try their hand at making some of Skipton's world-famous pork pies and go fly-fishing, before going their separate ways - with George retracing part of the 2014 Tour de France route and Larry opting for a more sedate history lesson on the navvies who built the magnificent Ribblehead Viaduct.

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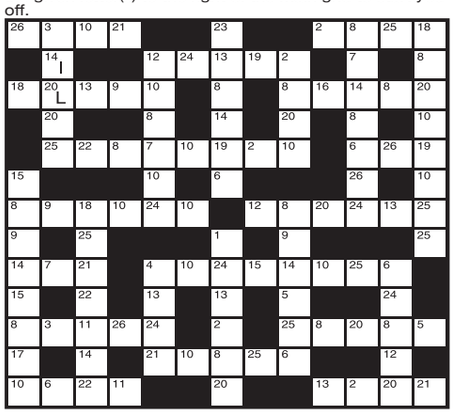

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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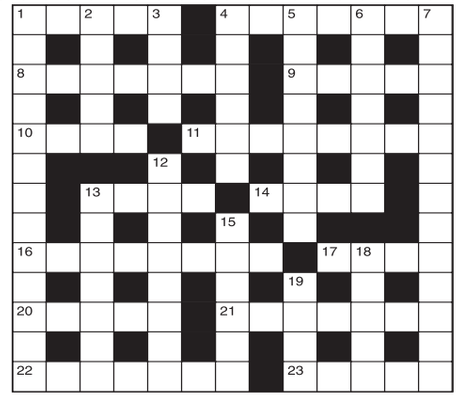
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. It beats to death (5)
4. Highest type of mammal (7)
8. It will be a poor match with such contestants (7)
9. Turn out not to one's choice (5)
10. Dash from France (4)
11. Invigorating new tune? (5,3)
13. Scope for entertainment (4)
14. Found unworthy of honour (4)
16. Marriage, for example, makes a nice change after all (8)
17. The image of Holy Russia (4)
20. One of a crowd of actors - no less! (5)
21. This piece needs rewriting to make it clear (7)
22. It could restore respect for a belief in ghosts (7)
23. Growth of production? (5)

Down

1. Demolition workers with criminal intent (13)
2. It's made to contain spectacles (5)
3. Shut out in this way (4)
4. Unusual goal concerning many (6)
5. In an electric oven it controls the roast, perhaps (8)
6. Equipment in what must be a warship (7)
7. Amusement for which I rent men a tent perhaps (13)
12. Fall that impairs vision (8)
13. Handy place for a painter to mix his colours (7)
15. Wild capers may get you into one (6)
18. Famous clown has a drink (5)
19. Hold up the post somehow (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Rent (5)
4. Excuse (7)
8. Income (7)
9. Ponder (5)
10. Whirlpool (4)
11. Denial (8)
13. Circle (4)
14. Scrutinise (4)
16. In unison (8)
17. Notion (4)
20. Musical drama (5)
21. Antiquated (7)
22. Conjecture (7)
23. Sand hills (5)

Down

1. Stealthy (13)
2. Black and blue (5)
3. Flavour (4)
4. Annoyed (6)
5. Charm (8)
6. Reproduction (7)
7. Play for safety (4,2,7)
12. Originate (8)
13. Relapse (7)
15. Leave (6)
18. Exhaust (5)
19. Sour (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Afflicted; 8 Leer; 9 Reinforce; 10 Caddie; 11 Dread; 14 Match; 15 Like; 16 Towed; 18 Iona; 20 Eager; 21 Ebony; 24 Masses; 25 Bed-sitter; 26 Here; 27 President. Down: 1 Blacksmail; 2 Headstone; 4 Free; 5 Liner; 6 Choral; 7 Etch; 9 Right; 11 Dowry; 12 Disgusted; 13 Depressed; 17 Debar; 19 Abuses; 22 Noted; 23 Dear; 24 Mean.
QUICK - Across: 3 Impotence; 8 Tool; 9 Financial; 10 Lessen; 11 Sense; 14 Tinge; 15 Spar; 16 Reach; 18 Club; 20 Ahead; 21 Sedan; 24 Fluent; 25 Delicious; 26 Pair; 27 Wordiness. Down: 1 Athletics; 2 Consensus; 4 Main; 5 Orate; 6 Excess; 7 Clap; 9 Fever; 11 Slain; 12 Ephemeral; 13 Predatory; 17 Hauls; 19 Behind; 22 Align; 23 Zero; 24 Fuss.

Quiz

1. On which island is the fishing port of Peel?
2. To which actress is composer Carl Davis married?
3. Who refers to God as the 'Great Architect of the Universe'?
4. Which British motorcycle manufacturer relaunched its Thunderbird?
5. What type of drug is reserpine?
6. Which engraver produced the series A Rake's Progress in 1735?
7. Who instigated the Great Leap Forward of 1958-1962?
8. Which sea did the Romans call mare nostrum?
9. Which French chemist developed the rabies vaccine?
10. What nationality was the artist Sidney Nolan?

Last week's solutions:
Quiz: 1 Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation; 2 Ante meridiem; 3 Charles Dickens; 4 The jacuzzi; 5 Harare; 6 A rattlesnake; 7 Princess Beatrice; 8 A coniferous tree; 9 The press; 10 Nevil Shute.
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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

793257 gives a bad man,
341163 gives a second bad man,
798445 gives a businessman.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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THE words bespoke and boutique don't exactly spring to mind when you think of a Thomas Cook holiday.

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And I'm standing staring out over it, trying to figure out what's in the fresh juice that's just been blended at the juice bar opposite the reception area. It's the type of welcome treat I would expect to find at a yoga retreat or spa. Even on my journey into Casa Cook Kos, in Greece, I knew something was different.

Lush patches of greenery line either side of the road leading up to the property, and their purpose soon becomes apparent when I see a black and white sign with the words 'Farm to Table' written on it. I think I've just seen the vegetables and fruits I'll be eating for the next few days.

Making a splash – main pool area at Casa Cook

Luxury sleep – one of the bedrooms at the hotel

COMFORTING

Seeing where your food is sourced from is comforting, but it also leaves no doubt in my mind that this is a new breed of hotel for Thomas Cook, aimed at a new market of travellers.

Casa Cook Kos follows the successful brand launch of Casa Cook Rhodes, which opened last year. This second ambitious property is located on the northern coast of Kos, in Marmari, and is less than a 20-minute drive from the airport.

The hotel aims to embrace the idea of parea, which roughly translated from Greek means a get-together with friends. It's small, with only 100 rooms, so it really feels like you're in a village oasis.

I'm staying in a junior suite, midway in the five room options available. By far its most impressive feature is that it has its own swimming pool, well, one which is shared with the suite next door. And there's a hammock on the balcony. The rooms are plush, they haven't skimped on the decor.

The beach is a good10-minute walk on either side before you hit any of the other resorts along the beachfront, so it feels really secluded. The sofa-like loungers also add to that luxury feeling.

The beach club, To Kima, is definitely the hotel's centrepiece and the perfect place to watch the spectacular Greek sunsets.

The breakfast buffet at Casa Cook Kos is the scene-stealer. A large wooden table filled with bowls of fresh nuts, grains, honeys, homemade protein bars and more.

The menus bear the stamp of chef Ettore Botrini, whose Athens restaurant, Botrini's, was awarded a Michelin star in 2014.

And things to do? My first attempt at stand-up paddle boarding, one of the activities on offer doesn't end with me swallowing half of the Aegean. Luckily. Other activities on offer include horse riding and there's a well-equipped gym.

I also take part in an Aromatherapy oil-blending session, which includes being shown how to make my own infused honey – complete with herbs I pick from the hotel's gardens.

What about families? I wonder if there's enough to keep children busy here, and my question is answered by a family I meet.

Their 10-year-old daughter has done yoga with her mum, and tells me the shared pool their room has is her favourite element, because she's made lots of new friends. This really is tailored to the new-age family.

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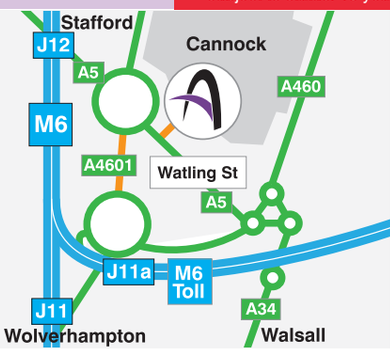

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Triumph Tiger – bike for all reasons

By John Griffiths

Many bikers will be familiar with the conversation which starts with 'if money was no object, which bike would you have?'

A common answer is, given deep enough pockets, most of us would opt for a 'stable' of machines: a sports bike to make the adrenaline flow, a tourer for comfort over long distances, an off-roader maybe. Or perhaps a cruiser?

Bikes just aren't like cars. Apart from the obvious, bikers tend to experience a closer man-and-machine relationship than drivers do with their cars: hence the desire for a two-wheeler which perfectly fits each mood and set of circumstances.

This, I believe, is the secret of Triumph's Tiger range and it's popularity in the big bike world. There's a choice of 800 or 1,050cc engines (plus the 1,215 Explorer versions), with chassis and features which focus on sporty road riding or off-roading, and most stages in between.

It aims to be the bike for all reasons: a true all-rounder and the one machine fulfills a wide range of demands placed upon it.

The test bike was the flagship of the 800 range, the XRT, which at £10,900 compares favourably with some of the opposition.

For the solo rider, it feels light and almost surprisingly agile: it's ability to tackle the twisties is reassuring and would match many dedicated middleweight sporters.

But with two and luggage on board it becomes a capable long-distance tourer, with its heated grips and seats, and an adjustable windscreen, providing all-weather comfort.

Pannier rails are fitted as standard, and there is a larger alternator to power the heated seats and grips, as well as the twin LED foglamps.

Seat height is adjustable for the rider between 810 and 830mm (there's also a low seat version) and even the pillion is generously proportioned.

There's also a lower seat model available for those of us with shorter legs. I confess that in particular getting off the Tiger was slightly undignified for me, but while aboard with my weight compressing the suspension enough so I had no trouble planting both feet flat on the ground when I came to a stop.

The 800cc triple engine, which turns out 94bhp and 79Nm of torque, has Triumph's electronically controlled 'ride by wire' throttle system which contributes to the smooth, linear power delivery.

That also allows Triumph to fit a mode switch, with an off-road mode which sets up throttle response and the traction control for more slippery conditions. The Tiger also has switchable ABS.

The XRT also features cruise control, a tyre pressure monitoring system and a GPS mounting kit. The large speedo/ digital trip meter can also be individually configured by the rider, with a range of trip information plus fuel/temperature gauges and gear position indicator.

The six-speed gearbox is remarkably flexible, The Tiger will roll through villages quite happily at 30mph in top, then accelerate smoothly away without the need to change down if you don't want to.

If you're not in a hurry you'll rarely break 4,000rpm and the bike is particularly quiet.

This bike is a true all-rounder a machine that fulfills a wide range of demands placed upon it

Roll on a bit more power, drop a gear and use more of the available 10,000 revs and the soundtrack imitates that four-legged beastie from which it gets its name.

The Tiger is unfaired, but the combination of adjustable windscreen, wide 19-litre fuel tank with its side mouldings, the wider radiator and the handguards provide quite a degree of weather protection.

The seating position (for me) is slightly forward of upright, with wide bars for comfort and control. The adjustable Showa suspension has in excess of 200mm of travel, front and rear, which allows for off-road forays while providing smooth progress on the road, particularly the not-so-smooth rural routes.

The Tiger 800 range starts at £8,800, the semi-faired 1,050cc Tiger Sport at £10,900 and the 1,215cc Explorer range – which includes models focussed for road or off-road riding – starts at £11,900.

The Tiger 800 is a good-looking bike, more capable and practical than most but equally important it's fun to ride. For such a big bike it's beautifully balance, light and quick to change direction.

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Revolutionary regeneration of Micra

By Sharon Walters

Nissan described the latest Micra as 'revolutionary' at launch earlier this year. And well it might have. It had to be because although this is the fifth one all the previous incarnations were pretty underwhelming.

But today's Micra is a world apart.

You don't need to get inside a new Micra to witness the 'revolution'. It now has dramatic contours and splashes of colour outside and in that make you notice this car in a very good way. Along with the personalisation options to the hatchback.

In fact one in four buyers of the car are choosing to enhance the car's design with additional exterior and interior parts, according to Nissan dealers.

Customer research amongst buyers of the latest Micra reveals that 60% are attracted by the dynamic and expressive styling of the car. This is the number one purchase reason for the new Micra. So Nissan saw the light that so many other manufacturers have been following for some time!

Nissan offers more than 100 combinations available, for both the exterior and interior of the Micra and in a variety of vibrant colours.

My test car was a wonderful combination of blues which certainly did attract admiring looks

Those stand-out looks include concealed handles for the rear doors which gives it a coupe-like feel but with plenty of space in the rear. There's a big, deep boot and you can seat three fairly comfortably in the rear.

The cabin is high-quality with two-tone soft-touch materials standard across the range. It is a very nice place to be.

There's a wide variety of personalisatiion

Technology is strong with a number of 'in-control' features – the sort usually associated with more expensive models – now available for the first time. Not only are they new to the Micra, they're new to the segment. These include Intelligent Lane Intervention, a safety system which gently corrects the Micra back on to the right path should it be required.

You also get Nissan's acclaimed Intelligent Around View Monitor camera system – as seen on the Qashqai and Juke crossovers – on the Micra for the first time.

For music fans like me, a highlight is the optional BOSE Personal audio system. Unique to the B-hatchback segment, advanced speakers built into the driver's head rest put the driver at the heart of the listening experience.

As for the drive it is also so much better – agile and with a secure feeling and handling.

The car is available with three engines – two petrol and one diesel – all linked to a five-speed manual gearbox. Nissan's familiar five grades of Visia, Visia+, Acenta, N-Connecta and Tekna all feature a high level of standard

Nissan's Micra now has dynamic and expressive styling – gone is the rather dull look

specification. Entry level model comes in at just under £12,000.

I drove the 0.9i IG-T 90 with a five-speed manual transmission (£16,570 but including smartmetallic paint) which came with oodles of kit – both comfort and safety. And on the safety side this car

has been awarded a five-star safety rating in the UK from Euro NCAP, thanks to the standard fitment of intelligent driving technologies in the Safety Assist category of testing together with a bagful of other active and passive measures and equipment. Every new Micra now comes with six airbags as standard, plus seat belt warnings and seat belt height adjustment in the front. The Isofix car child seat fitting system can be used with the new Micra, including in the front passenger seat, for the best possible child protection.

Additional safety features on every Micra include Electronic Stability Program, anti-lock brakes and Hill Start Assist. A speed limiter, automatic headlight sensor, automatic hazard lights and a Tyre Pressure Monitoring System are also fitted.

My perky little engine managed well over 60mpg on mixed driving and never felt under pressure either when motorway cruising or taking on winding country lanes.

The Micra small family hatch is now ready again to mix it with the best of the opposition out there.

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Impressive range for small price tag

By Simon Davis

You could think of the Renault Zoe as the rather hilarious little Twizy quadricycle's older sister.

Whereas the Twizy is has its limitations, the Zoe is a proper car with five seats, a boot and a useable real-world electric driving range.

Not only is the Zoe a family car, it's also a zero-emissions vehicle, meaning it qualifies for the Government's full £4,500 plug-in car grant. This helps bring the Zoe's price down to a lowly £14,245, but doesn't include the mandatory monthly battery hire fee.

Renault first introduced the Zoe back in 2013. Since then, however, the electric car has been facelifted for the 2017 model year and gains a new 250-mile battery – the Z.E.40. There's also the new Signature Nav top-level trim.

This new battery is the most important update for the Zoe, however, as it dramatically increases its appeal compared with its rivals. The 250-mile range is based on the New European Driving Cycle (NEDC), however, and Renault says that in the real world this will be closer to 184 miles in summer and 124 miles in the winter.

Our test vehicle was fitted with Renault's R90 electric motor. This unit develops a modest 91bhp and 220Nm of torque, which allows for a 0-60mph time 13.3 seconds and a top speed of 84mph. This means the Zoe is considerably slower than most conventional cars, as well as the Hyundai Ioniq Electric.

However, this won't pose too much of a problem, as the Zoe will likely spend most of its time driving in busy urban environments. Here, the instant torque provided by the electric motor means you set off pretty quickly, so you won't be holding any one up at the lights.

The Zoe comes as standard with a home-charging unit, so you'll be able to replenish its batteries in as little as seven hours.

Obviously, the Zoe doesn't emit any CO2 either, so you won't have to worry about paying vehicle excise duty.

While the electric motor's instant torque will get you up to 30mph in a timely fashion – which is ideal for inner-city driving – it takes a long time to reach open road speeds.

This means the Zoe isn't really cut out for long-distance motorway hauls, and its range will be a limiting factor too.

Around town, however, the Zoe is perfectly capable. There's plenty of visibility afforded by the fairly high driving position, and its relatively small size means it's easy to slot into tighter spaces.

The Zoe isn't exactly amazing dynamically, though. It's quite a tall car, so there's a fair amount of lean through the corners when pressing on.

Easy

The steering is also rather vague, and it will take a bit of time to get used to the regenerative brakes, which are rather grabby. However, if you stick to low-speed city driving, you'll find the Zoe is comfortable and incredibly easy to drive.

To our eyes at least, the Zoe is quite a pretty little car. There's something very chic about its looks – which is no doubt a by-product of its French roots.

With the possible exception of the Tesla Model S, the Zoe is actually one of the most attractive-looking EVs on sale today.

While it may also be one of the most affordable, it certainly doesn't look "cheap" and will look right at home when parked up on a fashionable high street.

As far as space is concerned, two adults will be able to sit in relative comfort in the back seats – although they might be a bit squashed if sat behind taller front passengers.

Boot space stands at 338 litres, which is decent but falls short of its rivals. By comparison, the Hyundai Ioniq and Nissan Leaf offer 350 litres and 370 litres respectively.

Standard equipment is fairly generous, with even entry-level models benefitting from Renault's R-Link infotainment system and satellite navigation.

The Zoe is quite a pretty little car – there's something very chic about its looks

Our mid-range Dynamique Nav specification test car came equipped with a hands-free key card, DAB radio, Bluetooth audio streaming and rear parking sensors.

Prices for the Renault Zoe start at just £14,245 – which is considerably lower than rivals such as the Hyundai Ioniq and Nissan Leaf, which start at £24,995 and £16,680 respectively. However, that price tag does not include the mandatory monthly battery hire fee, which costs upwards of £59 per month based on mileage.

If you would prefer to buy the Zoe and battery outright, you'll need to part with £19,845 for the entry-level i-Expression Nav model.

The Zoe earns points for being one of the most affordable electric cars on the market.

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Funeral Directors
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Cannock
WS11 1DH.
01543 502322.

LUKER
Michael
Passed away September 1, 2017, aged 70 years.
Much loved Dad, Grandad and dear Friend.
Funeral Service at Stafford Crematorium, on Monday, September 25, at 11.30am.
Family flowers.
Donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation.
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STACEY'S
Funeral Directors
01543 422524.

SCHAEFER
Willi
Loving Father, Brother, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather and Uncle, passed away peacefully at Stafford Hospital on September 8, 2017.
Funeral Service on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at Bushbury Crematorium, West Chapel at 3pm.
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TAYLOR
Audrey
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Family Funeral Directors
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Hednesford, WS12 4AR
01543 422524

WOOLLEY
Dorothy
Passed away peacefully, on Sunday, September 10, 2017, aged 77 years.
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acknowledgements

HATELEY
Michael
Marge and Family would like to thank everyone for their generous donations and support.

ROBSON
Hazel Winifred
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birthday remembrances

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Following consultation on the Draft Plan in 2016 amendments have been made in response to views expressed by statutory consultees and the local community. The Plan has also been subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as required by the Regulations.

This stage of the process provides another opportunity to make representations on the Plan prior to its formal submission to Cannock Chase Council to take forward to an independent examination.

The documents available to make representations on, or provide the context for representations are -

- Hednesford Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission version September 2017
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) (produced by AECOM Infrastructure & Environment UK Limited).
- Summary of responses to the questionnaire produced at the Draft Plan stage.

The consultation runs for 6 weeks from Monday 18th September to Monday 30th October.

The documents listed above are available to view or download from the Town Council website www.hednesford-tc.gov.uk . Paper copies are available to view at Hednesford Town Council, Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford, Staffordshire WS12 4EP

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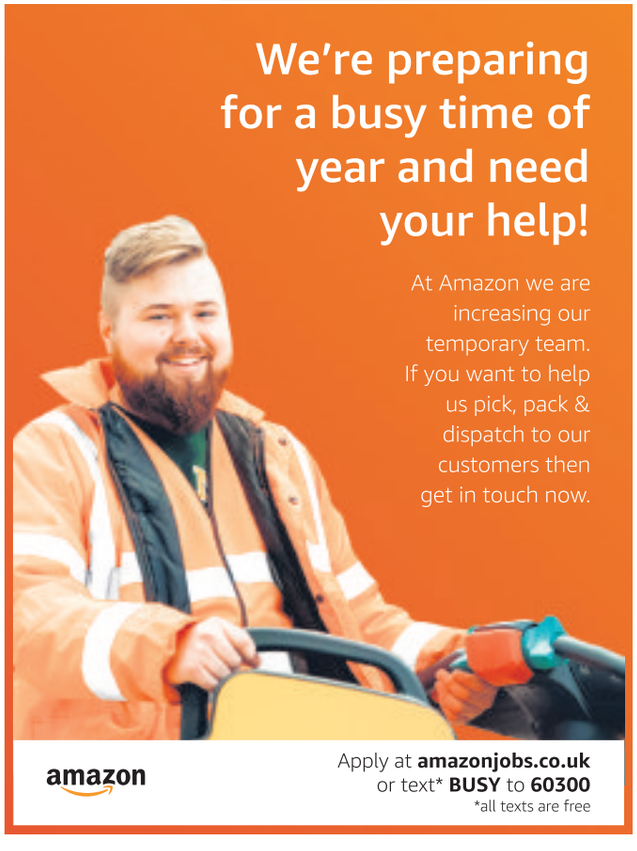

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Golf champs in the swing for Mauritius

TWO golfers are swapping the Black Country for the island paradise of Mauritius after winning national titles at The Belfry.

Coseley's Steve Holmes and Walsall's Shaun Mason will be among six winners of the American Golf championships, held at the world famous course, who will be jetting out next month to compete against each other at a course on the Indian Ocean island.

Holmes, who plays at Penn Golf Club in Wolverhampton, qualified by winning the nine-hole championship while Mason, a member at The Chase Golf Club near Penkridge, won the par three title.

Holmes overcame Jason Owen in his final but his trip to Mauritius might not be in the bag just yet, as he admitted: "I can't believe it, but my gaffer won't believe it either because I've got no holidays left!"

Par three championship winner Mason beat Oxley Park member Paul Stokes in his decider on the Belfry's Brabazon course after qualifying at the previous round held at 3 Hammers Golf Complex in Coven.

Tai: I'll fight to the end in world title bid

WOLVES asset Tai Woffinden has vowed to keep his bid for a third world title going right until the final round in Australia.

The rider insists he's still in a good place despite slipping down the standings with a terrible Teterow display.

He managed just five points in the German FIM Speedway Grand Prix and slipped to fifth spot – but more significantly he's now 20 points behind series leader Jason Doyle. There are three rounds left, in Stockholm, Torun and Melbourne.

Woffinden said: "I'll keep fighting because the title won't be decided until Melbourne in my view. I know where I went wrong with the set-up, I'll be making sure that doesn't happen again.

"It only takes one bad round and you slip down the table. Then you can bounce back and have a couple of good rounds and you can be right back in there and that's my plan. I'm still feeling good, I've been going good in Poland and Sweden and I'm ready for the three remaining rounds now."

Partnership launched for walking football

PLAYERS flocked to the Jack Hayward training ground for the launch of a partnership between a football charity and healthcare business.

Wolves Community Trust and home care service Secure Healthcare Solutions teamed up to bring walking football to the city.

Wolves stars Léo Bonatini, Ivan Cavaleiro, Ruben Vinagre and Roderick Miranda all got stuck in to the six-a-side low-impact sport to mark the partnership. The sport, which can be played either indoors or outdoors, doesn't allow running and only allows low impact tackling with the ball remaining below head height. It is aimed at those aged over 40 or with limited mobility who are looking to remain active through playing football.

One of those is Stuart Dudwell, 60, who has been playing with wife Tracy, 50, for the last eight months after bouncing back from two hip replacements and battling through diabetes. The couple get stuck into the game at least four times a week, regularly playing at the Bert Williams Centre in Bilston and the Banks's Stadium in Walsall.

Dexter recently moved to Wolverhampton to be nearer his family

Ted Dexter who captained his country in Ashes series

Love remains strong for a great innovator

HE'S one of cricket's all-time great innovators. You name it, Ted Dexter's done it.

From hitting double centuries and captaining his country in Ashes series to winning domestic titles and being England's chairman of selectors.

Without the man known as 'Lord Ted' we may not have one-day cricket, central contracts or even individual Test rankings, for Ted had a big hand in the infancy of all three.

And now, at the grand old age of 82, his desire for the game he loves is as strong as ever. He watches every England game on television and is even travelling Down Under this winter to take in an Ashes test.

"My appetite for watching the game hasn't lessened at all, I love it," he said. "I'm an armchair critic if ever there was one! Occasionally I yell at the television set, usually at the commentators. Then I turn them off!

"I watch all of England's games on television. I really don't think I'd pay good money to see a Twenty20 game but I quite like the 50-over game, that's quite intellectual. And Test matches are very special.

Adventure

"I'm hoping to go for a few days and get to the Adelaide Test in November. Quite an adventure really, we didn't use to think anything of it."

First things first, then. As a man who captained England in Australia, what does he think of the current team's chances of success this winter? Australia as the home team has always got a bit of an edge,"

Dexter, speaking at Wolverhampton Cricket Club, said: "It depends how we start. Andrew Strauss's team (in 2010/11) played some of the best cricket ever seen by England over there.

"I remember at Adelaide we never gave them a sixpence – the fielding was fantastic, we took all our catches and we were unstoppable.

"I think this team's capable of that. They're a little bit up and down but they're no pushovers that's for sure. Joe Root is a pleasure to watch and Johnny Bairstow is a very fine player, he's got a lot going for him. We haven't got anything absolutely outstanding in the bowling line-up but they're all competent and do a job. Ben Stokes offers something a bit special and is a wonderful player.

"Alastair Cook seems to be full of runs and has a great appetite for it, which is surprising considering what he's done."

Dexter played 62 times for England in the 1950s and 60s, captaining them on 30 occasions

He recently moved to Wolverhampton from France to be nearer his family. But wherever he goes you suspect he's never far away from regaling his favourite cricket memory, when England took the lead in an Ashes series under Dexter's stewardship in 1962.

"The stand-out memory is from Melbourne when we beat Australia to go 1-0 up in the series – it was a great win," he said. "We really showed some good form. I don't think they'd ever seen an England team play like we did.

"We played an Australian XI just before that game. Now it wouldn't be so extraordinary, but we got 435 on the first day and all the media really sat up.

"As a result of that we got superb crowds – we had over 300,000 people watch in the five days. There were more than 40,000 in on the last day when we needed 250 to win, which we proceeded to do....that was a high!"

The five-match series finished 1-1 and Dexter had more than made his mark with scores of 70, 99, 93 and 52 in his first four innings, part of a series of six consecutive half-centuries.

A swashbuckling player, it's no surprise Dexter thinks he'd be handy at Twenty20 cricket – not that he particularly enjoys watching it.

"Twenty20 is good fun but it's hit and miss," he said. "Whether you get wickets or runs is largely coincidental. I'd have enjoyed playing it though, I think.

"We used to play 40-over cricket on Sundays and I said it's good fun to play because it's more of a team game. People talk about the benefits of team cricket and character and everything like that but actually proper cricket is an individual game, not like football, somebody's got to pass you the ball.

"In cricket you walk out there and there's nobody helping you. People catch catches but that's about it.

"The 40-over game, everybody had to pull their weight, particularly fielding, every run counted. And running between the wickets you had to be really on the ball."

Proud

Dexter's trailblazing in Sunday cricket led to the formation of what's now known as one-day cricket, one of several innovations from his varied and unforgettable career.

"It makes me proud," he added. "A few things I started have taken root. When I took the job as chairman of selectors I said I don't want to do it, but if you want to give me overall responsibility for the whole running of international cricket I'll do it.

"I was the first person to give players what they called winter contracts. Slowly they became fully employed and they're now making a lot of money!

"In those days there really wasn't much money but to get on the tour was important, that was your winter money. I look back on my career with great affection, they were great years.

"I'm very lucky to have been involved, led the side to Australia where we did very well. You're coming down from a high after that and you have to go to work and wonder what you're going to do with the rest of your life. But I've had a great life."

SPORTING FEATURE

By Tim Spiers

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Sport

Howzat? Meet one of cricket's innovators

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Tournament not so easy for visitors

CANNOCK Ladies Hockey Club hosted a tournament which saw four national league teams turn up with the expectation that playing the home side was going to be a walk in the park.

The results, however, told a different story: Cannock 3 West Herts 0; Cannock 0 Ben Rhyding3; Cannock 3 Wakefield 1; Cannock 2 Fylde 1.

Cannock L2's 15 Worcestor 1s 1

Cannock enjoyed a great end to their pre-season, clocking up a 6-0 lead in the first half. The final score could have been much higher, but for the Worcester goalkeeper, who had an absolutely great game.

Cannock L3s 5 Worcestor 2s 1

Once Cannock started to distribute the ball wide and use the right hand channel the tide started to turn. At half-time the score was 4-1 to Cannock.

Cannock L4s 0 WATS 1s 11

Cannock played in their last pre-season friendly against a very experienced and strong opposition. The result does not reflect the Cannock team's hard work and the players are showing great communication in readiness for the season to begin next week.

Cannock M1s 6 Oxton M1s 1

From the early stages Cannock's work rate and confident inter play saw the young Stags dominate the game. As the game progressed the quick passing and intelligent pressing proved the difference as Cannock turned pressure into goals.

The goals came from Loui Morris (3), Dylan Shirley, Cole Hickman and Matt Wilson.

Clinical finishing the difference as Hayes lose at home

Heath Hayes 2 Littleton 4
Midland Football League Div 1

HAYES failed to overcome their visitors from Evesham, although there was not a lot in the game – just a matter of putting the ball away.

With the Littleton keeper excelling and Hayes's debutant keeper Alsopp not having a lot to do, it was Littleton who took the points with clinical finishing. Hayes's scorers were Regan Smith (penalty) and Jack Weldon.

Buxton 4 Chasetown 1
Emirates FA Cup

Chasetown's FA Cup run came to an end at the hands of higher league opponents, Buxton making a dream start with a goal after eight minutes.

The lead was doubled two minutes later but Chasetown gave themselves a lifeline when Josh Craddock scored from the spot.

Almost immediately, however, Buxton restored their two-goal advantage.

Buxton should have sealed the second round qualifier in the 80th minute with a shot that hit the Chasetown crossbar, before adding the fourth in stoppage time.

It all goes to plan for duathlete Jon

Jon Read during the 40km bike ride

A LICHFIELD duathlete represented Great Britain at the ITU World Championships in Canada, with a little help from the city's Friary Grange Leisure Centre.

Amateur athlete Jon Read competed in the standard distance duathlon in the age group 30 to 34. This race includes a 10km run, followed by a 40km bike ride, and a 5km run to finish.

Jon was delighted to finish in ninth place for his category and to be the third GB athlete across the finishing line. He also placed 47th overall out of more than 600 athletes. Jon said: "Forming part of the GB Parade of Nations during the opening event was such an honour.

"On race day, things couldn't have gone anymore to plan. All the training in the previous months throughout the summer season meant I performed as well, and perhaps better, than I could have hoped."

Friary Grange is part of Team GB Gold Club, which offers athletes discounts and benefits. To help Jon prepare, it offered him free membership.

FOURTH LOSS IN 5 FOR PITMEN

Workington 1 Hednesford Town 0

HEDNESFORD Town failed to record their first back-to-back wins after losing out to a single goal at Workington in the Evo-Stik Premier Division.

The visitors had earned a first win in nine outings after beating 10-man Altrincham at Borough Park and they just managed to bag another three points on home soil.

A tight first half brought few chances for either side before Conor Tinnion netted the only goal of the game in the 38th minute.

Anthony Wright forced an early save from James Wren with the Pitmen shot-stopper comfortably saving the striker's long-range effort.

But they soon broke the deadlock when a cross from the left was only partly cleared and Tinnion volleyed home from the edge of the area.

Dominated

Rob Smith's men improved after the restart with Workington skipper Arran Taylor making a superb block to deny James Lawrie.

The forward was unmarked in the six-yard box but Taylor produced an excellent stretching save as the visitors dominated.

Workington had chances during the Evo-Stik premier division encounter to put the game to bed with Sam Smith's deflected effort hitting the crossbar and Sam Joel firing over.

Danny Glover was then denied by another excellent save by Taylor with three minutes left as Workington held on for all three points.

It meant the Pitmen went into Tuesday's encounter with Nantwich hoping to end a run of four defeats in five games. This Saturday, they travel to Mickleover Sports (3pm kick-off).

● Chasetown have re-signed Ryan Wynter while Josh Craddock has moved back to Stafford Rangers. Centre forward Wynter returns to the Scholars Ground after a brief spell at Hednesford Town. Midfielder Craddock was snapped up this summer but has opted for another spell at Marston Road.

Club nets a successful season

Vice-chairman Warren Davies with the Under 18 Aegon League team, from left, Ryan Lockett, Sam Halifax, Will Jones, James Clark and Jake Smith

CHESLYN Hay Tennis Club are celebrating a successful season for junior and adult teams.

During 2017, Cheslyn Hay have organised 10 teams from Under 12s to men's teams competing in over 90 matches involving 61 players. The club was formed in 2013 to provide opportunities for the local community to play tennis.

Cheslyn Hay men's 1st team finished top of the Staffordshire Inter-Club Doubles League Division 4 with two league games left of the season. The 1st team promotion was their fourth in a row as champions since being formed.

This involved playing doubles matches with clubs in Walsall, Wolverhampton and Dudley and included the team being 12 matches unbeaten.

The men's 3rd team finished runners-up of Division 7. This is in addition to the Under 12s, Under 16 and Under 18 team competing well in the premier junior league in Staffordshire.

Cannock end their season with a victory

Cannock 1st XI vs Whittington 1st XI

CANNOCK elected to bat first after winning the toss in the final game of the season and it was Adam Benton who top scored with 58 in a total of 178 all out.

Whittington's reply never got going as they were blown away by a fantastic spell of 5-12 by Ed Fleet, and the visitors were eventually bowled out for 74.

Rushall 1st XI vs Cannock 2nd XI

After choosing to bat first, Cannock were soon reduced to 56-7. A sensible knock of 21 from Dan Wood allowed them to recover to 98 all out.

This was to prove no problem for the home side as they reached the victory target for the loss of only one wicket.

Coseley 2nd XI vs Cannock 3rd XI

A fantastic spell of 4-26 from Ryan Pearce got Cannock off to a great start at Coseley. Three wickets each for captain Ant Wood and Matthew Bull finished the innings off as the home side were dismissed for 80. It was a comfortable run chase for the visitors with Matt Osborne scoring 22 not out and Thomas Bull hitting 21 not out as Cannock finished the season with a six wicket win.

Cannock 4th XI vs Wightwick & Finchfield 4th XI

Captain Aaron Saunders was the star of the show for Cannock as he took four wickets for one run, helping to skittle Wightwick for 27. The home side comfortably reached the target within nine overs for the loss of one wicket.

● Rugeley fell short by 97 runs in their Staffs Clubs Premier game against Wednesbury, mustering just 120 in reply to 212-7. George Haywood (43) top-scored for Burntwood St Matthews in their 135, but they were chasing the 165 set by Milford Hall, four of the wickets falling to Eden Wilkinson.

Double celebration for Littleton team

IT was a double celebration for Littleton Bowls Club when the 'A' team won the Lichfield Division 3 Over 50s League.

Captain Philip Guest won all 18 games from 18, and topped the league averages.

The team were Tracy Round, Colin Meredith, Bill Hoving, Ted Platz, Dave Shaw, Andy Sheard, Steve Nutting, Ron Chaloner, Martin Drover and Jack Haughey.

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